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City Manager

TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager
FROM: Gabriel Camacho, Interim Police Chief
DATE: December 30, 2020
RE: VLEPSC Accreditation Presentation to the City of Harrisonburg and the Harrisonburg Police Department

Summary:

Presentation by VLEPSC Accreditation Manager, Derrick Mays and two (2) VLEPSC commissioners to formally present to the City of Harrisonburg and the Harrisonburg Police Department with the Accreditation Certificate.

Background:

After countless hours of hard work and a team effort, Harrisonburg Police Department was approved for Accreditation on September 29th, 2020 during VLEPSC's Accreditation Commission Board hearing. Accreditation provides a helpful framework to ensure accountability by the department as well as protect our officers by reducing liability. It has also sculpted policies and procedures that will best serve this agency and the Harrisonburg Community. Accreditation is in fact detailed in our Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives, which states that *"HPD will strive to become an accredited agency."* We did it!

It was due to the efforts of countless people who made this possible and especially to our tireless Accreditation Manager, Erin Miller. Her dedication and efforts have both been Herculean and it has certainly paid off.

Accreditation is a significant asset to this department and its future.

Key Issues:

N/A

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Environmental Impact:

Fiscal Impact: none

Prior Actions:

Alternatives: (a) accept
(b); or
(c) Do not accept at this time

Community Engagement:

Recommendation: Accept

Attachments: None

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

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