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Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Hopewell Police Facility

[Hopewell, VA] – The media and the community are invited to join City Officials and all members of the Hopewell Police Department as it breaks ground on a new police facility at the rear of the **Hopewell Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6 P.M.**

The new state of the art police facility will be constructed by Haley Builders, Inc. at an estimated cost of \$4.5 million dollars. Once completed, the new facility will be the culmination of months of public education and outreach and years of research, planning, and development. The one-story, 14,017 square foot design includes vastly improved amenities to accommodate the police department's various services, as well as the capacity to manage the police department's growth in the future, and provide on-site parking for the public.

"One of my main goals when I became Chief in 2011 was to improve the working conditions and the facilities of the Hopewell Police Department. This new facility will also help with morale, recruitment, and retention of our valued Team members," stated Hopewell Police Chief John Keohane. City Manager Mark Haley added, "This is an exciting moment in Hopewell's history, and this new modern facility will serve the community for many years to come. We look forward to holding a similar event for the new fire station in the near future".

The facility will be equipped with larger administrative and records rooms, a modern and consolidated 911 Telecommunications/Dispatch Center, In-house Magistrate's Teleconference room, training classroom, fitness center, and dedicated Uniform Patrol and Investigative Services Division's.

"It is with great pleasure to see the Hopewell Police Department finally get a facility that they deserve. I am proud that the city council members were able to come together and provide a facility to better meet their needs. The City is very fortunate to have such a distinguished police department that continues to strive to protect our citizens and improve the community. To be a part of this exciting event is very humbling," said Mayor, Jackie Shornak.

The new police facility is projected to be completed by the fall of 2018.