



# Hampton Police Division Media Release

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**For Immediate Release**

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## **Virtual Ride along Program**

On August 4, 2014 the Hampton Police Division is proud to announce the launch of the first virtual ride along program on the Peninsula. The program will provide the general public with direct access via Twitter to the officers patrolling their neighborhoods. Through the use of the virtual ride along program, the Division hopes to enhance public transparency and to continue to build partnerships within the Community.

Officers participating in the virtual ride along program will tweet information out to the public throughout their tour of duty which may include the type, time and location of incidents that they have responded too. They will also be sharing with the community information and photographs about their involvement within the community throughout their shift. Citizens that want to “ride along” with our officers are encouraged to follow us on Twitter @hamptonvapolice. To ensure that these “ride alongs” do not interfere with an officer’s performance they will not be permitted to engage in a two-way dialogue. However, anyone with questions can contact a Public Information Officer for further assistance.

The first ride along will take place on Monday, August 4, 2014 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Citizens will be “riding” with Senior Police Officer Bryan Rowe. SPO Rowe has been a member of the Hampton Division since October, 2006 and was recently featured on a viral video that was recorded when he escorted a family of ducklings across Mercury Boulevard (<http://bit.ly/1hMZp0Q>). Please join us on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and @ridewhpd.

Sergeant Jason Price will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6638.

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