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Farmville Expresses Gratitude: Post Debate Public Safety Update

On Tuesday, October 4, Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia, hosted the one and only United States Vice Presidential Debate of the 2016 election cycle. It was the event we all hoped it would be. Beautiful weather highlighted all that Longwood University and Farmville have to offer.

Longwood University Police, Farmville Police, Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office, State Police and our many local, regional, state and federal public safety resources coordinated to provide public safety throughout Longwood University and the town. There were no arrests or charges placed in connection with the event. Law enforcement officers responded to no more than a dozen questions and concerns raised by residents from Sunday to Tuesday evening. Nothing of significance was reported.

There were a minimal number of protesters present on and around the Longwood University campus and in downtown Farmville.

"We would like to thank area residents and merchants for their patience and for being forthcoming with concerns and issues that developed leading up to the debate," says Acting Police Chief Andy Ellington. "This historic event definitely would not have been the success it was without the cooperation and dedication of officers, deputies, fire, EMS, town public works employees and other agencies."