



THE JOYFUL DISPATCH



December 2022 Edition

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Thank
You!





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Chief Tobia received the following email about the amazing job Engine 4 C-Shift did on a call at the beginning of November.

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Krauss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 2:20 PM
To: Matthew Tobia <Matthew.Tobia@harrisonburgva.gov>
Subject: Shout-Out to E4 C-Shift

WARNING: This email was sent from outside of your organization.

Hey Chief,

I just wanted to send you a quick note. On Saturday, Nov. 5th, Rescue 40 and E4 were dispatched for an Unresponsive Person turned high priority pediatric trauma off of Nathan Hale Ct. I was the first one on location to a pretty chaotic scene in the DO Serv with E4 about a minute behind me.

When I tell you Eric Higgs, Matt McCray, and Joel Bradly knocked it out of the park, that is an understatement. Right off the truck they asked me what I needed and what they could do to help. All three of them jumped right into action without hesitation. The teamwork, compassion, professionalism, and overall quality of care we were able to provide our little patient, I truly believe contributed to her having a positive outcome moving forward.

I just wanted to say thank you to those guys again and thank you to you and your team for having an amazing department to work along side.

Please feel free to pass along.

V/R

Andrew Krauss, NRP
Captain - Technical Rescue
Harrisonburg Rescue Squad Inc.
[REDACTED]



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We welcomed two new members to the HFD family in November!

Lieutenant Luke Walker and his wife, Katie, welcomed Lane Daniel on November 3rd.



Congratulations!



Master Firefighter CJ Smith and his wife, Kayla, welcomed Carson Thomas on November 19th.



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November 3, 2022

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stockwell
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Archie and Kimberly,

Thank you for your recent donation of [REDACTED] to our department. Your support will allow us to continue providing services to the people in our community. Individuals like you truly make a difference in the world, and we are incredibly grateful!

Very Respectfully,

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

CC: Ande Banks, City Manager
Michael Parks, Director of Communication



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To all the folks
who spent time
with us at Fall
Fest 2022 -

Thank you so
much!

We loved having
you here and hope
to see you again
for our Spring
parade.

The Life Enrichment
Team
at VMCC



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November, 2022

Harrisonburg Fire Department

The enclosed check for [REDACTED] is in appreciation for the faithful services you offer for the residents of VMRC Park Place. We truly appreciate your prompt responses to our needs.

Blessings.

Marian J. Bauman, Treasurer

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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November 15, 2022

VMRC Park Place Resident Council
c/o Marian J. Bauman, Treasurer



Marian,

Thank you for your recent donation of [REDACTED] to our department. Your support will allow us to continue providing services to the people in our community. Individuals like you truly make a difference in the world, and we are incredibly grateful!

Very Respectfully,

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

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Michael Parks, Director of Communication



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Thank You

11-16-22

Dear Fire Dept. crew,

Thank you so much for your prompt attention to our problem. Your professionalism and concern for our safety were much appreciated. And you found the source of our noise - a carbon monoxide monitor. Please accept this token of our esteem + appreciation for your expertise!

Sincerely, Chyllis + Jerry Coulter



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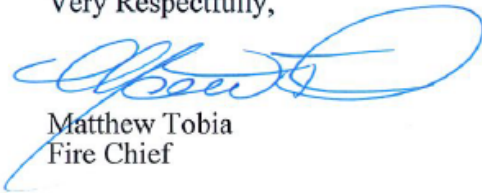
November 23, 2022

Mr. and Mrs. Coulter
[REDACTED]

Jerry and Phyllis,

Thank you for your recent donation of [REDACTED] to our department. Your support will allow us to continue providing services to the people in our community. Individuals like you truly make a difference in the world, and we are incredibly grateful!

Very Respectfully,



Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

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The 2nd Annual HFD Coat Drive was very successful. Thanks to the Harrisonburg community we were able to collect and donate 257 coats to the Harrisonburg City School kids.



2nd ANNUAL HFD WINTER COAT DRIVE



NEW COATS ONLY

To Benefit Harrisonburg City School Kids
DONATIONS ACCEPTED OCT. 1 - OCT. 31

Drop Off Locations

- Public Safety Building
101 North Main Street Lobby
- Fire Station 1
80 Maryland Ave
- Fire Station 2
380 Pleasant Valley Road
- Fire Station 3
299 Lucy Drive
- Fire Station 4
210 East Rock Street



Contact The Harrisonburg Fire Department @ 540-432-7703 With any Questions

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November 18, 2022

Mr. Tripp Denton
Denton Family Charitable Foundation
P.O. Box 632
Harrisonburg, VA 22803

Dear Mr. Denton,

Thank you for your donation to the 2nd Annual HFD Winter Coat Drive. Your generous donation will help make a significant difference for the children in our community.

With your assistance, we were able to meet our goal of 250 coats this year, and exceeded it by an additional 7 coats, for a grand total of 257 coats. The donation of these coats to the City of Harrisonburg School kids will help ensure that students can stay warm this winter.

With a second successful year under our belts our long-term goal of establishing a coat closet for kids in need, that teachers and staff can access at any time will become a reality. With donations such as yours we believe that we can make that happen.

Thank you once again for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

CC: Ande Banks, City Manager
Michael Parks, Director of Communications



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November 18, 2022

Mr. Ryan Sodikoff
Steven Toyota
2970 South Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Dear Mr. Sodikoff,

Thank you for both of your donations to the 2nd Annual HFD Winter Coat Drive. Your generous donations will help make a significant difference for the children in our community.

With your assistance, we were able to meet our goal of 250 coats this year, and exceeded it by an additional 7 coats, for a grand total of 257 coats. The donation of these coats to the City of Harrisonburg School kids will help ensure that students can stay warm this winter.

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Homeland
Security

Science and Technology



National Urban Security Technology Laboratory
U. S. Department of Homeland Security
201 Varick Street, Suite 900
New York, NY 10014-7447

November 31, 2022

Battalion Chief Ben Zimmerman
Harrisonburg Fire Department
Harrisonburg, VA

Dear Chief Zimmerman,

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate's National Urban Security Technology Laboratory (DHS S&T NUSL) I would like to thank you and the Harrisonburg Fire Department for your participation in the System Assessment and Validation for Emergency Responders (SAVER) Assessment on Physiological Monitoring Systems held from November 15 through 18, 2022 at Orange County Fire Training Center in New Hampton, New York.

Seven experienced firefighters from California, Georgia and Virginia participated in the assessment by evaluating five commercially available physiological monitoring systems in operationally realistic scenarios. Your feedback will be incorporated into a publicly released assessment report. The report will be published within the SAVER Document Library, <https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/saver-documents-library>, and available to assist emergency response organizations in making procurement decisions.

Thank you for sharing your professional expertise and practical experience in using physiological monitoring systems. The SAVER program is driven by emergency responders' operational experience to provide information necessary to guide decision making in acquiring, using and maintaining equipment. The significance of your contribution cannot be overstated, and we greatly appreciate your participation.

Sincerely,

Matthew Monetti
Physiological Monitoring Systems Project Lead
National Urban Security Technology Laboratory
DHS Science and Technology Directorate



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Department Employees Who Celebrated November Birthdays:

Roy Garber, Master Firefighter

Jack VanOrden, Firefighter

Ryan Eagle, Firefighter

Daren Showalter, Master Firefighter

Jeremey Holland, Firefighter

Austin Collins, Firefighter



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*Flappy
Anniversary!*

Department Employees Who Celebrated November Milestone Work
Anniversary's



Acting Lieutenant Robert Hilley - 15 Years



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Happy Anniversary

Department Employees Who Celebrated November Work Anniversary's

Master Firefighter Jeff Pitsenbarger - 21 Years

Firefighter Joel Bradley - 4 Years