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Harrisonburg Recognized by VMLIP

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg has been recognized by the Virginia Municipal League Insurance Programs (VMLIP).

On Friday, April 12 at a VMLIP workshop in Richmond, City staff members accepted the 2013 Margaret A. Nicholas Risk Management Leadership Award.

This was given to Harrisonburg for taking a proactive role in evaluating risk management and utilizing training materials provided by VMLIP. The City educates and trains employees on safety through videos, webinars, workshops, and online classes. Another program used is the Nurse Triage 24/7/365 to report workers' compensation claims.

"We were surprised and excited to be the recipients of this award and to be considered leaders in risk management," said Assistant City Manager Anne Lewis who chairs the City's Safety Committee. "Training our employees on job safety and risk management is a priority and something we pride ourselves in. We have a very committed safety committee as well as department directors and staff."

In addition to the recognition, the City will receive an \$8,000 Risk Management Grant, which can be used to purchase equipment or training toward the overall risk management program.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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City of Harrisonburg receives 2013 Risk Management Performance Award from VML Insurance Programs

Richmond, VA: For outstanding efforts and innovation at risk management the City of Harrisonburg has received the prestigious Margaret A. Nichols Risk Management Leadership Award from VML Insurance Programs (VMLIP). The award was presented at the VMLIP spring workshop held Friday, April 12.

The City of Harrisonburg has utilized VMLIP programs such as Nurse Triage 24/7/365 to report their workers' compensation claims and have continued to offer light duty employment to injured employees. The city focuses on risk management through periodic workers' compensation training, enforcement of their safety policies, and use of VMLIP training materials.

Over the past several years city staff have utilized 41 videos from the VMLIP Multimedia Library, attended 39 FREE VMLIP training webinars and 22 workshops, and their staff have completed 381 VMLIP Online University courses – also at no charge.

In addition to formal recognition, the town will also receive a certificate reserving \$8,000 in Risk Management Grant funding for their entity. The amount is based on their tier level and can be used to purchase equipment or training that contributes to the members' overall risk management program.

VMLIP is administered by the Virginia Municipal League. This nonprofit group self insurance program provides automobile, property, liability and workers' compensation coverage to more than 460 local political subdivisions across Virginia. For 30 years VMLIP has provided pool members with superior financial stability and effective risk management services. For more information visit: www.vmlins.org or follow VMLIP on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/vmlip.

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Editor's note: Interviews and high-resolution images are available upon request. For additional story ideas and information, contact Hollie Cammarasana at (804) 237-7312 or: hcammarasana@vmlins.org.



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