

**Press Release**  
**Harrisonburg Fire Department**  
101 North Main Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

**For Immediate Release**

**Date: August 22, 2013**

**Contact: Captain Arthur Miller (432-7703)**

**Date of Occurrence: August 21, 2013**

**Time of Occurrence: 3:59 a.m.**

**General Location/Address of Occurrence: 185 Neff Avenue – Valley Pool & Spa**

**Property Damaged: Pool and spa supply business**

**Injuries Sustained: None**

**Narrative :** The investigation into the cause and origin of the fire at Valley Pool & Spa continues. Investigators have determined the fire started in the front of the business that was used as a showroom and sales area. This area also served as a storage area for pool and spa chemicals, which greatly accelerated the rate at which the fire burned.

Investigators continue to examine several potential causes of the fire including electrical equipment, electrical wiring, and chemical storage in the area of origin. An exact cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

The Fire Department continues to coordinate the remediation of the chemical release and clean up in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

*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](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov). The Harrisonburg Fire Department is rated Fire Class 3 out of a 1 to 10 ranking by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO). In the nation only 3.6% of fire departments have received a Class 3 rating. More information about the Harrisonburg Fire Department is online at [www.harrisonburgfire.org](http://www.harrisonburgfire.org) and on Twitter @HFDVA.*