

Press Release
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Cooking fires are the leading cause of residential structure fires in the United States. In an effort to reduce the number of cooking fires in the City, the Harrisonburg Fire Department received two Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants which allowed installation of Stovetop Firestop automatic fire suppressors in college age, senior citizen, and low-income housing.

After completing the grant requirements, the fire department has approximately 2,000 Stovetop Firestop automatic fire suppressors remaining. The Harrisonburg Fire Department is teaming up with Rockingham County Fire & Rescue to install the remainder in homes in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. This will be on a first come, first served basis.

The device is maintenance free – no inspection or batteries are needed and it is easy to install.

If you are interested in receiving a free pair of Stovetop Firestops installed in your home please contact the Harrisonburg Fire Administration Offices at 540-432-7703.

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. 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 and on Twitter @HFDVA.