

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

For Immediate Release

Date: September 25, 2013

Contact: Captain Arthur Miller (432-7703)

Date of Occurrence: September 25, 2013

Time of Occurrence: 2:22 p.m.

General Location/Address of Occurrence: 35 Vale Circle

Property Damaged: Kitchen Area of an Apartment, ~\$1,500 damages

Injuries Sustained: None

Narrative: The Harrisonburg Fire Department responded to the above referenced address for a report of a possible structure fire. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel found that a Stovetop Firestop® mounted in the exhaust hood had extinguished the fire. Additionally, an occupant had used a portable fire extinguisher.

The Stovetop Firestop® devices in this apartment were recently given to the occupants by the Harrisonburg Fire Department through a FEMA grant the Department received. Any resident of Harrisonburg or Rockingham County is eligible to receive these devices. Call the Harrisonburg Fire Department at 540-432-7703 for information on how to receive a free pair of Stovetop Firestops®.

Cooking is the leading cause of residential structure fires. Always be attentive and tend to cooking activities, have working smoke alarms, and a home fire exit plan.

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.