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September is National Preparedness Month

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg is prepared, are you?

Each department within the City of Harrisonburg has plans in place to ensure they are prepared for a variety of disasters that could arise.

“Not only should the city departments and emergency services personnel be prepared, we also want all Harrisonburg residents to be prepared,” said Fire Chief Larry Shifflett.

Harrisonburg, along with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), is encouraging the community to “Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare.”

To get prepared take the following steps:

- Be informed – learn what protective measures to take before, during, and after an emergency.
- Make a plan – Prepare, plan, and stay informed for emergencies.
- Build a kit – Compile a kit with necessities for disasters to be prepared.
- Get involved – Find opportunities to support community preparedness and share the messages.

Residents are encouraged to start becoming more prepared by signing up for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Emergency Alert System. Residents should register their cell phones to receive free text alerts of emergencies in our area.

To sign up for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Emergency Alert System, simply visit www.HREmergencyAlert.com.

Additional recourses on emergency preparedness are available at www.ready.gov.

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