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Firefighter Recognized for His Efforts

Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) recently recognized one of its own for a job well done.

Master Firefighter Andrew Bauserman received a letter of commendation from Fire Chief Larry Shifflett for his actions during an incident that happened at the end of September.

On Sunday, September 28 at approximately 7:15 p.m., crews were called to a local quarry to assist with rescuing an individual, who had fallen. Upon arriving at the scene, Firefighter Bauserman conducted an extensive search of the quarry property and was eventually able to locate the victim.

Immediately after spotting the victim, he ascended over an unstable rock wall to gain access to the victim, performed a victim assessment, and provided proper care to the patient, who suffered significant injuries. Firefighter Bauserman also assisted with getting the victim loaded into a basket that was pulled out of the quarry with a rope haul system, where she was then loaded into a helicopter to be transported to the hospital.

These operations were performed in a precarious position due to the unstable rock, time of day, and location in which the victim landed from her fall.

“I commend Firefighter Bauserman for his courage, dedication, and commitment to the patient,” said Larry Shifflett, Fire Chief. “With his efforts, this incident was brought to a successful conclusion and his efforts should not go unnoticed.”

Firefighter Bauserman started with HFD in 2003 and was promoted to master firefighter in 2011. He is currently assigned to Engine 23 and is stationed at Fire Station 4 on Rock Street.

Congratulations Firefighter Bauserman!

To view pictures of the presentation, visit the [Harrisonburg Fire Department](#) on Facebook.

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