



City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

FIRE DEPARTMENT

101 North Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
(540) 432-7703 FAX (540) 432-7780

Larry W. Shifflett
Fire Chief

For Immediate Release

September 4, 2015

Contact: Captain Mike Armstrong, Deputy Fire Marshal

540.432.7703

Mike.Armstrong@HarrisonburgVA.gov

Harrisonburg Fire Department Continues Arson Investigation

Harrisonburg, Va. - The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) continues investigating a fire that was intentionally set overnight.

Around 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, fire crews responded to 122 South Main Street for the report of a fire. Upon arrival, crews discovered there was a small fire on the second floor of the multi-story structure.

Within 15 minutes fire personnel extinguished the fire and remained on scene to assist in removing smoke from the building.

The investigation into the cause of the fire revealed that an individual intentionally set a fire to curtains inside an apartment.

Charles Winston Turner, Jr., 34, of Harrisonburg was arrested and charged with felony arson (VA Code Section 18.2-77). He is currently being held in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Regional Jail.

No one was injured as a result of this fire and additional charges are pending. HFD will now work with the city's building official to coordinate an inspection of the facility.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. The Harrisonburg Fire Department is rated fire class 2 on a scale of 1 to 10 ranking by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO). In the nation, only 750 fire departments have received a class 2 rating. More information about the Harrisonburg Fire Department is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire.



###