



## City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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### HFD Prepares for Fire Prevention Week

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) is making final preparations for their annual Fire Prevention Week.

**Fire Prevention Week is hosted October 5 through October 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. each day at the Valley Mall, 1925 E. Market St.**

The theme for this year's event is "Hear the BEEP where you SLEEP." It is recommended for a working smoke alarm to be in every bedroom of your home.

This week-long event will allow fire personnel to get safety information into the hands of hundreds of residents and visitors. Visual displays are also set up to show the public just how much damage a minor fire could cause.

"We spread fire and life safety messages all year, but this upcoming week is an opportunity where we join fire departments from across the nation to reinforce our messages and safety reminders," explained Wanda Willis, public education officer. "We want to prevent fires from even happening but it is also our goal to help keep residents safe."

HFD will host senior citizens on Wednesday, October 7 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All third grade students are also given a fire escape plan homework assignment and will have the opportunity to visit the display throughout the week.

All residents are encouraged to visit the display and speak with a firefighter during Fire Prevention Week.

More information is available at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire).

*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](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire).*

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