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Fire Department Encourages Neighbors to Adopt a Hydrant

Harrisonburg, Va. – In preparing for the upcoming winter storm and the rest of the winter season, the Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) reminds residents of the importance of the **Adopt-A-Hydrant Program**.

HFD asks for residents and business owners to adopt a fire hydrant close to your home or business and keep it free of snow during the winter and free of weeds and shrubbery in the summer. If it snows, residents are asked to clear a path around the hydrant and a path from the hydrant to the roadway.

Should a fire occur during any season, it is imperative that fire personnel gain access to the fire hydrant, or water supply, as fast as possible.

“We enjoy local residents and business owners participating in this program and taking an active role in helping to keep our community safe,” explained Fire Chief Larry Shifflett. “While participating in this program is a small commitment, it is a commitment that could potentially save a home, property, or even someone’s life.”

There are 1,842 fire hydrants in the city and 22 have been adopted.

Anyone interested in participating in this program may call the Harrisonburg Fire Department at 540-432-7703 or visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/adopt-a-hydrant.

*The City of Harrisonburg is home to four **Harrisonburg Fire Department** stations. For more information about each fire station, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/hfd-stations.*



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