



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
May 6, 2016
Contact: Lt. Wanda Willis
540-432-7703
Wanda.Willis@HarrisonburgVA.gov

Two Homes Saved from StoveTop FireStops

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) responded to two separate incidents yesterday that could have quickly turned into tragic situations.

HFD received two calls for service for possible structure fires, one on Dutch Mill Court and the other on Summit Street. During both incidents, food was left unattended on the stove, which eventually caught fire.

Both homes had a StoveTop FireStop installed and once the flames and smoke reached the hood above the stove, the device released a fire suppressing powder that knocked down the fire. Although there was some damage to the kitchen, this device prevented significant damage to the entire structure and potential injuries to the residents.

Since installing these devices, HFD is aware of at least 15 incidents in which the devices worked and saved the home.

HFD has received three separate grants to purchase StoveTop FireStop devices and installed them in homes for city residents. The department has approximately 50 StoveTop FireStop devices remaining that can be given out to city residents. Residents interested in receiving one free device should call 540-432-7703.

Additional safety information is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/safety-tips.

*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.*

###