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City Firefighter Graduates from Academy

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) recently celebrated the graduation of one of its firefighters.

Brandon Biddle, firefighter, just completed the Law Enforcement School for Fire Marshals through the Virginia Fire Marshal Academy and will now serve as an assistant fire marshal with HFD.

“This program not only enhances Brandon’s investigative skills as a fire marshal, a background he is familiar with, but teaches and certifies him on the law enforcement side of his job,” explained Fire Chief Larry Shifflett.

This 10 week school is designed to prepare students to receive police powers from within their jurisdictions and includes classroom and field exercises.

HFD now has three sworn law enforcement certified fire marshals assigned to the Fire Prevention Division, who are responsible for inspections, prevention, and fire and environmental criminal investigations.

Biddle has been with HFD since 2000 and previously worked as a firefighter out of Station 2.

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