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Fire Department Promotes Two

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) announces the promotion of two of its own.

Deputy Chief Mike Brady will transition from the deputy chief of training to the deputy chief of operations, which serves as the second in command of the department. Deputy Chief Brady will be responsible for the supervision of fire suppression and its operations and provide assistance to the fire chief. In 1995, Deputy Chief Brady started his career with HFD on Engine 23 and was promoted to lieutenant in 2001 and assigned to Tower 1. In 2007, he was promoted to captain and then deputy chief of training in 2011.

Captain Steve Morris is being promoted to deputy chief of training. Captain Morris currently oversees Station 4 on Rock Street and is assigned to Engine 23. In 1998, Captain Morris started his career with HFD and was promoted to lieutenant in 2005 and assigned to Engine 25. He was then promoted to captain in 2010 and assigned to Engine 25.

“We are excited to announce our newest leadership team and anticipate these upcoming transitions to be seamless within our department,” explained Fire Chief Ian Bennett. “I have confidence in the knowledge and abilities of Mike and Steve and look forward to their assistance in continuing to move our department forward.”

The position of deputy chief of operations was left vacant after Ian Bennett was promoted to fire chief with the retirement of longtime Fire Chief Larry Shifflett.

HFD received 35 applications for the position of deputy chief.

These promotions will be effective on September 11.

Additional information about the Harrisonburg Fire Department is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire.

*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.*

