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HFD Reminds Residents to Test Smoke Alarms

Harrisonburg, Va. - Last week in the United States, 61 people died in house fires and most of them did not have working smoke alarms.

On November 6 when you change your clocks, the Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) reminds residents to use the extra hour to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and also plan and conduct an exit drill in the home.

Fire can spread rapidly through a home, leaving as little as one or two minutes to safely escape once the alarm sounds. Before a fire occurs, walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Then practice a fire drill with your entire family. Make a game and use a timer to see how long it will take everyone to get outside to your meeting place.

If you need help checking your alarms, or if you need a free smoke alarm and live in the city of Harrisonburg, please call the Harrisonburg Fire Department at 540-432-7703.

Together we can help reduce home fires and make this one of the safest winters ever!

More information is available at 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.

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