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HFD Determines Cause of Downtown Fire

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) responded to a fire in downtown Harrisonburg earlier today.

Around 11:45 a.m. crews received a call for service for the report of a fire alarm and smoke inside a building, located at 65 East Market Street.

Upon arrival, firefighters encountered heavy smoke on the third floor and discovered a fire in an apartment that was being contained by the sprinkler system within the structure.

“The sprinkler system within the building played a significant role in containing the fire and preventing it from spreading further,” explained Fire Chief Ian Bennett.

Fire Marshals with HFD determined the cause of the fire to be accidental from discarded smoking material.

There were no reported injuries and streets surrounding the building were closed for approximately two hours.

All HFD fire apparatus responded to the incident, along with Hose Company 4, Rockingham County Fire and Rescue, Harrisonburg Rescue Squad, and the Harrisonburg Police Department. Broadway Volunteer Fire Department and Weyers Cave Volunteer Fire Department filled the stations to cover any other calls for service in the city.

*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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