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HFD Conducts Regional Hazmat Training

Harrisonburg, VA. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) will be conducting regional training this weekend.

On Saturday, February 4, the Hazardous Materials Response Team will host a regional exercise to prepare for the potential of a large scale incident happening in Harrisonburg.

“This is an opportunity for us to work with other agencies as one team on a scenario that could potentially happen in our community,” explained Deputy Chief Mike Brady, HFD’s chief of operations.

The scenario tomorrow will be a mock train derailment, in which several of the wrecked rail cars will be carrying different hazardous materials.

The fire personnel involved will be tasked with managing the incident, determining what materials are involved, the impact the chemicals could have on the community, disseminating information to the public, and cleaning up the incident.

In addition to staff with the Harrisonburg Fire Department, members from the Rockingham County Department of Fire and Rescue, August County Department of Fire and Rescue, Waynesboro Fire Department, and Staunton Fire Department will also be participating in the drill.

For more information on the Harrisonburg Fire Department, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire.

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