



# City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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## HFD Welcomes Newest Member in Fire Prevention

Harrisonburg, VA. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) announces an addition to its Fire Prevention Division.

Katie Caler starts on Monday, February 13 as the fire prevention education specialist. Selected from a candidate pool of 38 people, Caler is not new to the city and previously worked as a reporter at WHSV-TV3.

After graduating from Elon University with a bachelor's degree in strategic communications and international studies, Caler made her way to Harrisonburg. She has since worked as a reporter for almost two years and many times found herself covering public safety stories from a different side of the camera lens.

"I have always been interested in public safety," explained Katie Caler. "I enjoyed covering stories that provided safety-related information to the public. I am humbled and excited for the opportunity to continue my passion and making it my career to keep our community safe."

This position was available after Lieutenant Erin Stehle was promoted as the public education officer after the retirement of Wanda Willis.

For additional information on HFD's Fire Prevention Division, please visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire).

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