



# City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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## HFD Retiree Receives Hero Award

Harrisonburg, VA. – A retiree with the Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) was recently recognized by the American Red Cross of Central Shenandoah Virginia.

On Thursday, April 20, Wanda Willis received the 2017 American Red Cross Firefighter Hero award for her work in fire prevention and education. Willis retired at the beginning of this year after working for HFD for nearly 30 years. Since 2001, she worked full-time in the fire prevention division.

“We continue to be proud of Wanda and the accomplishments she made while working for HFD,” explained Fire Chief Ian Bennett. “This award is yet another example of her dedication and commitment to the community.”

The firefighter hero award is given to a professional, who works or volunteers in a fire department, for their actions during a specific incident or for their ongoing commitment to their community through acts of kindness, courage, or unselfishness in response to an identified need.

Several other individuals from this region were recognized as heroes in other categories. For more information on the awards and the American Red Cross in Virginia, visit [www.redcross.org/local/virginia](http://www.redcross.org/local/virginia).

Additional safety information from HFD is always available at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire).

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