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HFD Prepares for its Smoke Alarm and Free Pizza Night

Harrisonburg, VA. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) invites members of the public to participate in the 14th annual smoke alarm and free pizza night next week.

On July 12 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. city residents can order one large cheese pizza to be delivered by fire personnel. Firefighters will also check to see if the resident's smoke alarm is working properly.

If the smoke alarm is not in good working condition, the battery is replaced or a new smoke alarm is left at the residence. At a later date, firefighters will then return to the home to permanently install the new smoke alarm.

“Residents view this as a fun opportunity to get free pizza and have a fire truck in their neighborhood,” explained Captain Mike Armstrong, deputy fire marshal. “This event is even more beneficial to the fire department because we are able to leave more than 550 homes with a working smoke alarm.”

A home without a working smoke alarm is a potential fatal risk to everyone inside. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends the placement of at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including basements), in every bedroom, and outside each sleeping area. According to the NFPA, in fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate, 46 percent of the smoke alarms had missing or disconnected batteries.

In 2016, HFD personnel visited more than 550 homes and checked more than 1,200 smoke alarms during this free event.

City residents may call 540-432-9099 or order online by visiting www.HarrisonburgVa.gov/pizza-and-smoke-alarm starting at 4:00 p.m.

Additional safety information is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire.

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