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## Residents Invited to Celebrate Fire Prevention Week

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) invites members of the community to celebrate National Fire Prevention Week.

October 8 through October 14 is recognized around the nation as National Fire Prevention Week and an opportunity for HFD to educate the community on fire safety and fire prevention.

HFD staff will be set up in the JCPenny court at the Valley Mall, 1925 E. Market St., from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of next week.

“Although our firefighters are very well trained, it is our priority to educate the community and prevent a fire from ever starting,” explained Lieutenant Erin Stehle, HFD’s public education officer. “We want to provide residents with the tools and resources they need to be safe at home, work, and everywhere in between!”

This year’s theme is “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!” In addition to the visual displays, staff members with HFD will be working with residents and school classes to create an escape plan, show the importance of smoke alarms, explain how to prevent fires, and so much more.

It is important to have a home fire escape plan that prepares your family to think fast and get out quickly when the smoke alarm sounds. It is always a possibility that the primary exit out of a home could be blocked by smoke or flames, which is why it is important to have a plan for two ways out. Residents have approximately two minutes to escape a fire so it is critical to plan ahead.

For more information on fire safety and National Fire Prevention Week, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire-prevention-week](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire-prevention-week).

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# Fire Prevention Week

Do you have a small group you would like to bring to the display? Contact Lt. Erin Stehle:  
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**The City of Harrisonburg** is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).



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