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Turn Your Clocks and Test Your Smoke Alarms

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department reminds residents to check their smoke alarms this weekend.

On Sunday, November 5, daylight saving time ends and residents will turn their clocks back one hour. When this occurs, residents are reminded to also test their smoke alarms to ensure they are operating properly.

“At the very minimum, smoke alarms should be tested every month,” explained Lieutenant Erin Stehle, public education officer. “By simply checking smoke alarms within your home, you could save lives in the event of a fire.”

This weekend is also a good time for each member of the home to participate in making a fire escape plan and practicing that plan. That plan should consist of two ways out of the home, in case one exit is blocked in the event of an emergency.

Additional information can be found at www.nfpa.org or www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/safety-tips.

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.



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