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## City Recruits Teens for a New Fire Camp

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) and Rockingham County Fire and Rescue are recruiting city and county residents for a brand new fire camp.

Camp L.I.T., which stands for leadership, integrity, and trailblazer, is designed for females ages 13 to 15 to learn what it takes to serve their community in a rewarding career as a firefighter.

“The fire service is predominantly made up of males and this program is to break that barrier to show girls at a younger age that this career is really open to anyone,” explained Erin Stehle, fire prevention education supervisor with HFD. “We want to give young females the exposure to a rewarding career they may never have previously considered.”

In addition to the experience in the fire service, Camp L.I.T. will build other skills such as leadership, integrity, teamwork, perseverance, and empowerment.

The camp will take place from Monday, July 23 until Friday, July 27 and participation is free.

Applications are available by visiting [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire) and must be turned in by Friday, June 22 at 5:00 p.m. Completed applications can be mailed or delivered to HFD at 101 N. Main Street Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

Questions? Contact Erin Stehle at 540-432-7703 or by email at [erin.stehle@harrisonburgva.gov](mailto:erin.stehle@harrisonburgva.gov).

*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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