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HFD to host Community Fire Academy

Harrisonburg, VA—The Harrisonburg Fire Department will host its first Community Fire Academy starting in May. The seven-week program will provide city residents a hands-on opportunity to learn about the many facets of the fire department including fire prevention, suppression and special operations.

“We are thrilled to offer this opportunity to the community we serve” “This program will allow citizens to have a more in depth look at the department, as well as its functions and abilities,” said Fire Chief Ian Bennett.

“We hope the Community Fire Academy will provide residents with both interactive and informative experiences that will promote fire and life safety in the City of Harrisonburg,” added Lt. Erin Stehle, Public Education Officer for HFD.

In addition to learning about the different functions of the department, participants will also have the opportunity to participate in a ride-a-long on an HFD apparatus. The Community Fire Academy will take place on Tuesday evenings between May 7th and June 18th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at HFD Station 1 located at 80 Maryland Ave. in Harrisonburg. Applications can be found at www.harrisonburgva.gov/fire/community-fire-academy.

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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