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HFD participates in Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) and James Madison University (JMU) have come together this week to honor firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.



(Above) Station 1 is lit red in honor of Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters.

Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters, where buildings are lit red to recognize the service and sacrifice of the nation's firefighters, is held each year across the country. All HFD stations and JMU's Wilson Hall will be lit red from dusk until dawn this week, and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation will hold a national memorial service on Sunday, Oct. 6, in Maryland recognizing 119 firefighters who have died in the line of duty. The memorial will honor 92 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2018, and 27 firefighters who died in the line of duty in previous years.

For HFD, being able to take part in this effort on behalf of the Harrisonburg community is an honor.

"We are incredibly humbled to be participating in this important effort honoring those who have died in the line of duty," HFD Chief Ian Bennett said. "We will never forget their sacrifice and strive to honor them through our work."

More information about the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, its mission and this weekend's memorial service can be found at www.firehero.org.

The Harrisonburg Fire Department is an ISO-Class II All-Hazards agency providing essential emergency and non-emergency life safety services to the public who live, work and travel in Harrisonburg. More information about the Fire Department is available on-line at www.harrisonburgva.gov/fire or on Facebook®, Twitter® and Instagram®.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 54,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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