## HFD to conduct smoke alarm canvass on Saturday

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) will conduct a smoke alarm canvass in neighborhoods across the city on Saturday, Nov. 2, ahead of the end of daylight saving time.
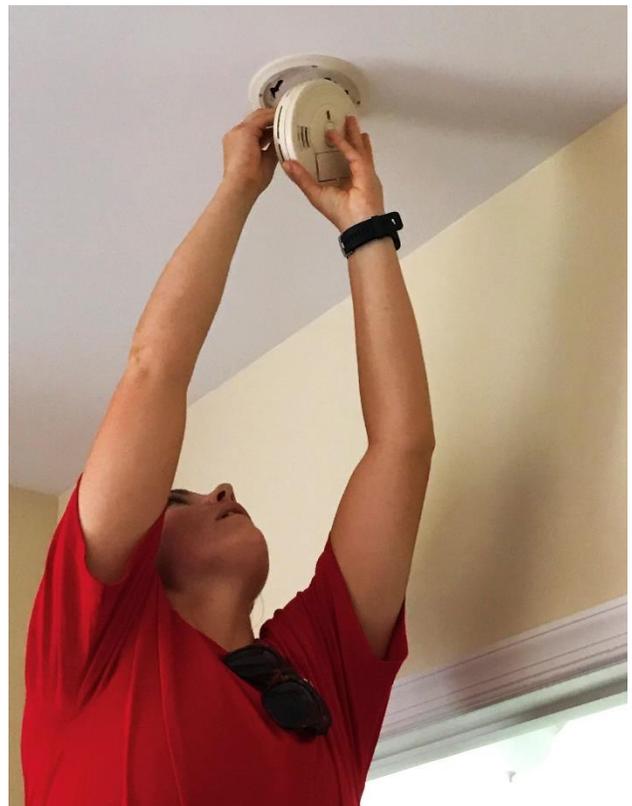
HFD will partner with a number of community organizations to provide translation services for the canvass, including the JMU Spanish Club and Sigma Delta Pi, a Hispanic Honor Society also from James Madison University (JMU). The goal of such canvasses is to encourage residents to check their smoke alarms and to replace alarms or install alarms where needed.

"Smoke alarms are absolutely critical to survival in fires," HFD Fire Chief Ian Bennett said. "We cannot stress the importance of them enough, and strongly encourage citizens to allow fire department personnel to assist them in making sure their families are safe."

City residents can expect to see fire department personnel in the following areas: Spotswood Mobile Home Park, Collicello Street, Rex Road, Pleasant Hill Road, and Middlebrook Street, as well as in the area of Southampton Drive. Any city resident in need of a smoke alarm can call the HFD Administrative Offices throughout the year at 540-432-7703.

*(Above) HFD personnel install a smoke detector at a home during an event earlier this year.*

*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©.

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