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City honored with six Local Champion Awards from Virginia Municipal League

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The City of Harrisonburg was recently honored by the Virginia Municipal League for the City's work supporting residents during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Friendly City received a total of six Local Champion Awards – the most in the state – in the areas of Communications, Community Health, Continuity of Operations, Economic & Business Stability, Public Safety, and Education & Youth Initiatives. The awards sought to highlight cities and counties that had gone above and beyond in mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 on their communities.

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Education and Youth Initiatives - Community Convoys

(Above) Lt. Charles Grubbs and McGruff the Crime Dog in an image from the video nominating Harrisonburg for the Local Champion Award in Education and Youth Initiatives for the Community Convoys the department did earlier this year.

"The City of Harrisonburg and all of our staff are dedicated to protecting the health and

wellness of our citizens, and we are grateful to be recognized for that dedication," Harrisonburg City Manager Eric D. Campbell said. "We know that the fight to stop the spread of COVID-19 has not reached its end yet, and we are hyperfocused on finding innovative, impactful ways we can continue working to support the Harrisonburg community."

Videos highlighting each area the City was honored in are available at www.youtube.com/user/HarrisonburgVirginia.

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.

