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HFD encourages community to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™.”

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department is proud to celebrate the 99th year of National Fire Prevention Week by teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) – the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years – to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week™ campaign, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™.”

This year’s campaign, taking place Oct. 3-9, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

“It’s important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms,” HFD Lt. Erin Stehle, the department’s public education officer, said. “When an alarm makes noise – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer’s instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online.”



(Above) A community member takes a tour of a HFD fire station and gets to check out one of the vehicles.

HFD wants to share safety tips to help you “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”

- A continuous set of three loud beeps – beep, beep, beep – means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

HFD is participating and hosting a series of events in support of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety", including:

1. Friday, Oct. 8, from 4-6 p.m. - Fire Department Convoy throughout the city
2. Sunday, Oct. 10, from 2-4 p.m. - Cake with the Crew at El Paisano Bakery- Join us for fire safety and sweets!
3. Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Fire Safety Rocks Event at the Dream Come True Playground
4. Sunday, Oct. 17, from noon-4 p.m. - First Responder Touch a Truck at Urgie's Cheesesteaks and 15 percent of proceeds will benefit the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad
5. Thursday, Oct. 21, from 4-7 p.m. - Family Night at McDonald's (Carlton St.), percentage of proceeds will benefit the Harrisonburg Professional Firefighters Foundation
6. Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 2-6 p.m. - Safety Event at Dream Come True Playground - car seat checks, touch a truck and more!
7. Saturday, Oct. 30, from 5-9 p.m. - Trunk or Treat at Rockingham Park



(Above) Children learn about the importance of fire safety at one of the many programs HFD offers.

Additionally during the next two weeks, HFD is scheduling private tours for school groups, families, and other organizations. Please contact Erin Stehle at 540-432-7703 to schedule or if you have any questions. Masks are required!

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Harrisonburg, follow HFD on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or contact the department at 540-432-7703. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit www.fpw.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 online 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 almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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