



THE JOYFUL DISPATCH



**NOVEMBER
2025
EDITION**

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CITY OF HARRISONBURG
FIRE
DEPARTMENT

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November 7, 2025

Michael Sharp
c/o Sharp Shopper Grocery Outlet
1100 Sharp Avenue
Ephrata, PA 17522

Mr. Sharp,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank Sharp Shopper Grocery Outlet for the generous donation of _____ to our department. Your support is making a meaningful impact in our community and makes our job easier and more fulfilling. Your support will allow us to continue providing services to the people in our community. The kindness and generosity you have shown inspire us to continue our mission, and we are deeply grateful for your contribution, for your acknowledgement of the Harrisonburg Fire Department.

Very Respectfully,

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

CC: Ande Banks, City Manager
Michael Parks, Director of Communications



**THE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATED THE RETIREMENT OF
BATTALION CHIEF LARRY "VERN" WERNER.
LARRY RETIRED ON NOVEMBER 1ST AFTER SERVING THE
HARRISONBURG COMMUNITY FOR 40+ YEARS.
THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO THANK LARRY FOR HIS
DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT.
WE WISH HIM A HAPPY RETIREMENT!**

NOVEMBER PROMOTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**LIEUTENANT
WESLEY MEADOWS WAS
PROMOTED AS THE
TRAINING/HEALTH
& SAFETY OFFICER**

**MASTER
FIREFIGHTER CJ
SMITH WAS
PROMOTED TO
LIEUTENANT**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Johns, Firefighter

William Gannon, Firefighter

Jack VanOrden, Firefighter

Malcolm Grover, Firefighter

Ryan Eagle, Master Firefighter

Daren Showalter, Master Firefighter

Sheldon Kilduff, Firefighter

Jeremey Holland, Master Firefighter

Austin Collins, Firefighter





NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**MASTER FIREFIGHTER
JEFF PITSENBARGER
24 YEARS**

**LIEUTENANT
JOEL BRADLEY
7 YEARS**

November Milestone Anniversaries



TORI TUCKER
CRR EDUCATION SPECIALIST
1 YEAR

