



THE JOYFUL DISPATCH



JANUARY

2026

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Dear Fire Department,

Thanks for All You do.

I'm Thankful for Your Service.

Sincerely,

Eileen Waterhouse



CITY OF HARRISONBURG
FIRE
DEPARTMENT

101 NORTH MAIN STREET
HARRISONBURG, VA 22802
OFFICE (540) 432-7703

January 5, 2026

Eileen Waterhouse

Dear Ms. Waterhouse,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of _____ to our department. Support from community members like yourselves makes our job easier and more fulfilling. Your support will allow us to continue providing services to the people in our community. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Tobia".

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

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



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January 8, 2026

Ms. Mary Skinner
506 S. Dogwood Drive
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Dear Ms. Skinner,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of \$500.00 to our department. Support from community members like yourself makes our job easier and more fulfilling. Your support will allow us to continue providing services to the people in our community. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity.

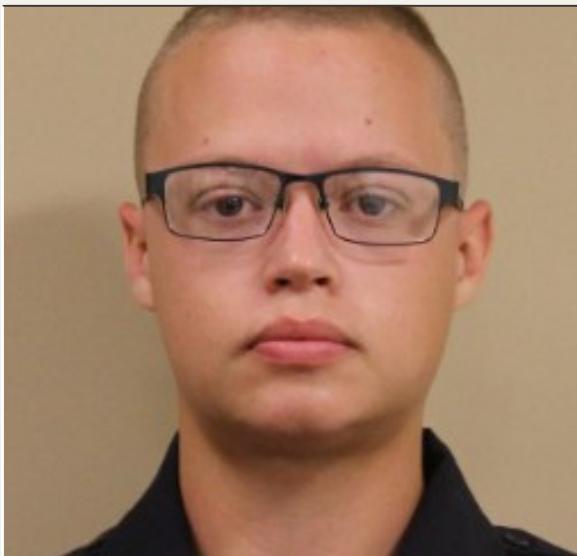
Very Respectfully,

A blue ink signature of the name "Matthew Tobia".

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

CC: Ande Banks, City Manager
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NEW HIRERS



CONNOR HENSLEY
FIREFIGHTER



MICHAEL FERRELL
FIREFIGHTER

**BOTH CONNOR AND MICHAEL COME TO US AS
EXPERIENCED FIREFIGHTERS. WE ARE EXCITED TO
HAVE THEM AND KNOW THAT WILL MAKE EXCELLENT
ADDITIONS TO OUR DEPARTMENT!**

JANUARY PROMOTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**MASTER FIREFIGHTER
CHASE COFFEY
WAS PROMOTED TO
LIEUTENANT OF THE
COMMUNITY RISK
REDUCTION
SECTION**

**PART TIME
FIREFIGHTER
GABE CHAMPMAN
WAS MOVED TO
FULL TIME**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

TREVOR NELSON - ACTING CAPTAIN

LINA AL MUTAWA - DEPARTMENT SYSTEMS ANALYST

SAM MORELL - MASTER FIREFIGHTER

TREY PRICE - FIREFIGHTER

CHASE CROSBY - FIREFIGHTER

MATTHEW MCCRAY - ACTING LIEUTENANT

LESLIE PULLEN - FIREFIGHTER

KELLIE SACKSTEDER - FIREFIGHTER

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER PAUL HELMUTH, 16 YEARS

ACTING BATTALION CHIEF LARRY BENNINGTON, 14 YEARS

ACTING LIEUTENANT MATTHEW MCCRAY, 8 YEARS

FIREFIGHTER JARED CHEIFETZ, 4 YEARS

LOGISTICS ANDREA MULLENS, 3 YEARS

FIREFIGHTER CHRISTOPHER LOMELIN, 2 YEARS

EM GENERALIST JAMISON RYDER, 2 YEARS



January Milestone Anniversaries



AUSTIN COLLINS
FIREFIGHTER
5 YEARS