



City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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Fire Department Determines Cause of Overnight Fire

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department has completed its investigation into an overnight fire.

Last night (Wednesday, September 23) at 9:08 p.m. firefighters were dispatched to 840 Pheasant Court for the report of a residential fire.

Upon arrival, there was visible smoke and flames coming from the home. It took fire crews approximately 30 minutes to get the fire under control, although crews continued to stay on scene to put out “hot spots.”

After further investigation, it was determined this fire originated in the kitchen and was caused by unattended candles left on the kitchen counter. The home was a total loss.

The family was not home at the time of the fire and no fire personnel were injured.

All of the city’s fire apparatus were on the scene of this incident. When this occurs, the city’s fire stations are then filled with firefighters and fire engines from Rockingham County so there is still plenty of coverage should another incident happen.

***The City of Harrisonburg** is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. The Harrisonburg Fire Department is rated fire class 2 on a scale of 1 to 10 ranking by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO). In the nation, only 750 fire departments have received a class 2 rating. More information about the Harrisonburg Fire Department is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/fire.*

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