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CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Master Firefighter Daren Showalter and his wife, Sheila, welcomed the newest member of their family in October! The Showalter's were blessed with a handsome baby boy!









October 20, 2022

Ashley Bellamy c/o Chick-fil-A 1691 East Market Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Ms. Bellamy,

Thank you for your recent contribution of food for Fire Prevention Month. Your support during this busy month helps us to be able to focus on educating the members of our community on fire safety.

We take great pride in serving our community. Support from organizations and companies such as yours help us to truly make a difference in the world, and we are incredibly grateful!

Thank you once again for your kindness.

Very Respectfully,

Matthew Tobia Fire Chief

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



October 20, 2022

Berenice Rodriquez c/o El Paisano Bakery 56 East Wolfe Street Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Ms. Rodriquez,

Thank you for your recent contribution of food for Fire Prevention Month. Your support during this busy month helps us to be able to focus on educating the members of our community on fire safety.

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October 20, 2022

The Mathusek Family e/o Scotty's Homemade Italian Ice 1486 South Main Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Scotty, Monica and Family,

Thank you for your recent contribution of food for Fire Prevention Month. Your support during this busy month helps us to be able to focus on educating the members of our community on fire safety.

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Matthew Tobia Fire Chief

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October 27, 2022

Melissa Summers c/o Kline's Dairy Bar 58 East Wolfe Street Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Ms. Summers,

Thank you for donating the ice cream to our "Sweet Sounds of Fire Safety" event during Fire Prevention Month. Your support during this busy month helps us to be able to focus on educating the members of our community on fire safety.

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Very Respectfully,

Matthew Tobia Fire Chief

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October 27, 2022

Frazier Quarry Inc. 75 Waterman Drive Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Management and Staff,

Thank you for donating the rocks to the "Fire Safety Rocks" art project, for the kids to paint, during Fire Prevention Month. Your support during this busy month helps us to be able to focus on educating the members of our community on fire safety.

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Very Respectfully,

Matthew Tobia Fire Chief

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This email was sent to Chief Matthew Tobia after the department's "Sweet Sounds of Fire Safety" event at Kline's Dairy Bar on Wolfe Street.

On Oct 26, 2022, at 18:39, Caitlin Parrish wrote:

WARNING: This email was sent from outside of your organization.

Chief Tobia,

Thank you so much for such a great time out at Kline's this evening. Your team is so friendly and knowledgeable and such a joy to spend time with!

My four year old son is a big fan of firefighters but often quite timid and reserved in an unknown situation. Your team took time to answer every single one of his questions and explain the functions of any and all of the buttons and knobs he could find.

He and his twin sister also had the privilege of meeting "Firefighter Chandler", as he's known around our house now, at their preschool last week. They continue to reassure us that if we ever need a firefighter in our house we don't have to be afraid of them, even though they may look scary.

Thank you for all of the work, training, and effort you and your team put in. The passion and care from the team are evident. Our family is grateful to be part of the Friendly City.

Thanks,

Caitlin Parrish





Department Employees Who Celebrated October Birthdays:

Kim Smith, Administrative Assistant

Joseph Walker, Lieutenant

Jody Quesenberry, Acting Deputy Chief of Support Services

Michael Arehart, Master Firefighter

Brianna Petit, Child Safety Seat Technician

Tanner Reedy, Firefighter





Department Employees Who Celebrated October Milestone Work

Anniversary's



Master Firefighter Robert Fulk 10 Years



Firefighter Josh Lohr - 5 Years



Fírefighter Andrew Crowley 10 Years



Happy Anniversary

Department Employees Who Celebrated October Work Anniversary's

Lieutenant Joe Weaver - 22 Years

Captaín Morgan McComas - 21 Years

Master Firefighter Donnie Babb - 21 Years

Lieutenant Matthew Bauserman - 17 Years

Master Firefighter Daren Showalter - 17 Years

Master Firefighter Brett Biddle - 12 Years