



THE JOYFUL DISPATCH



October/November 2021 Edition

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Good Job



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HOW DID WE DO?



Please visit our website at
<http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/fire>
and click on our survey button to let
us know!

EMERGENCY: **9-1-1**
BUSINESS PHONE: **540-432-7703**

The following is the most recent comment on our “How Did We Do?” survey:

“All the above care was excellent for my husband, the patient. After the squad left for the hospital, attention was turned to me making sure I knew how to get to the hospital, offering to have me follow them. My husband had been sick on the floorboard of the truck and running boards. Before allowing me to get in, they rinsed it out and then made sure I didn’t slip on the wet running boards. This team could not have been more professional or compassionate! Thank you HFD!”

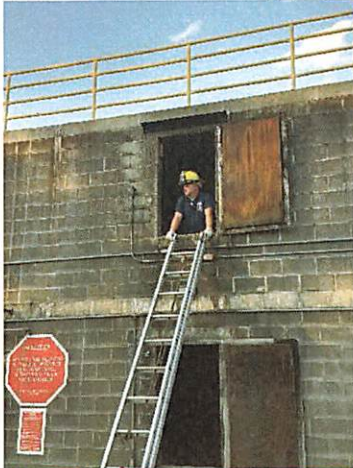
Kudos to personnel running on Engine 23 B Shift on August 5th, Master Firefighter Greg Coffman, Firefighter Sam Morell, Firefighter Brady Raccanello and Battalion Chief Larry Werner; great job to you all for showing such great compassion and professionalism



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Congratulations to Master Firefighter C.J. Smith, who celebrated 10 years of service in September!





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AMVETS Post 7
1340 North Liberty Street
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802
Phone (540) 434-1550

September 1, 2021

Harrisonburg Fire & Rescue Dept.
Chief Matthew Tobia
101 North Main Street
Harrisonburg, Va. 22802

Dear Chief Tobia,

AmVets Post 7 would like to honor and remember all First Responders on 9/11/21. Due to the circumstances with the Covid epidemic we are mindful of everyone's health and safety. Therefore, we have decided to offer every First Responder in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County, who is on duty on Sunday, September 11, 2021, from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm, a free breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Please share this invitation with all your staff and Officers who are working on that Sunday. Let them know this is just one small way we can express our gratitude for making this area a safe and good place to live. Of course, we would be honored if you would have time to attend also.

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$500.00 to be used at your discretion. This is just another small way to show area First Responders how much we value their services as we continue to honor the memory of that fateful day.

Please accept our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your service and for helping us to extend this invitation to your dedicated employees.

With Kind Regards,

Donae Lam
Commander
Whitey Turner AmVets Post 7



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September 7, 2021

AMVETS Post 7
Commander Donae Lam
1340 North Liberty Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

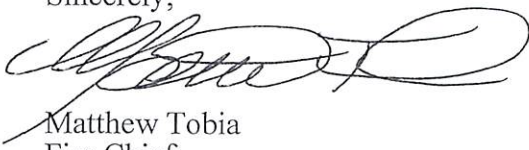
Commander Donae Lam,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the generous donation of 500.00 to our department in honor of September 11, 2011. Your recognition of our services to the community is greatly appreciated.

The invitation to breakfast, lunch, or dinner on 9/11/21 in remembrance of that fateful day 20 years ago is a very honorable gesture that our first responders will greatly appreciate. It is community members like you, that continue to give us motivation to prosper and to continue to help and serve our beloved community.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sincerely,



Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

cc: Eric Campbell, City Manager
Michael Parks, Director of Communications



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September 2, 2021

George and Kathleen Holter
1644 Cumberland Drive
Rockingham, VA 22801

Mr. and Mrs. Holter,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your donation of \$100.00 to our Department. It is community members like you, that continue to give us motivation to prosper and to continue to help and serve our beloved community.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

Cc: Eric Campbell, City Manager
Michael Parks, Director of Communications



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September 7, 2021

Michael Waggy
Marilynn Waggy
PO Box 850
Franklin, WV 26807

Mr. and Mrs. Waggy,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your donation of \$100.00 to our Department. It is generous individuals like you, that continue to give us motivation to prosper and to continue to help and serve our beloved community.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

Cc: Eric Campbell, City Manager
Michael Parks, Director of Communications



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September 17, 2021

Barbara Spitzer
Angie Spitzer
960 Smithland Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Barbara & Angie,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your donation of \$100.00 to our department. It is community members like you, that continue to help us prosper and serve the community with the best equipment and personnel possible.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

CC: Eric Campbell, City Manager
Michael Parks, Director of Communications



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Dear HFD,

Remember me? My name is Brooke. On September 26, you came to my house on Virginia Avenue and rescued me!

I love exploring new places and chasing things like bunnies, mice, squirrels, and chipmunks...but sometimes it gets me into a bit of a pickle. On my mission to sniff out the bunnies under the building in my yard, I got stuck. Whoops.

My mom was so scared when she couldn't get me out! I was scared too, but don't tell anyone, okay? My reputation as the toughest dog in the neighborhood would take a hit. I have to keep up appearances.

My mom called my friend, Rebecca, and she knew just what to do - call you guys! After lots of digging and prying, you managed to rescue me in no time at all. You even gave me yummy treats afterward and took my picture. I felt like a celebrity!

When the neighbors saw the fire truck, police cars, and people with shovels, they thought you were digging up a gas leak! You can imagine how they laughed at me when my mom told them what really happened. So embarrassing!

All three of us wanted to say thanks for rescuing me. We know you guys do a lot of important things, and I couldn't have gotten out without you. Thank you for all you do!

Brooke, Jenna, & Rebecca





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Congratulations to Captain Morgan McComas, who celebrated 20 years of service in October!

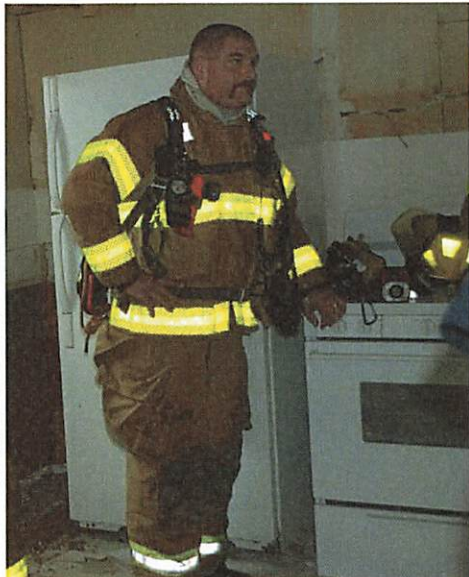
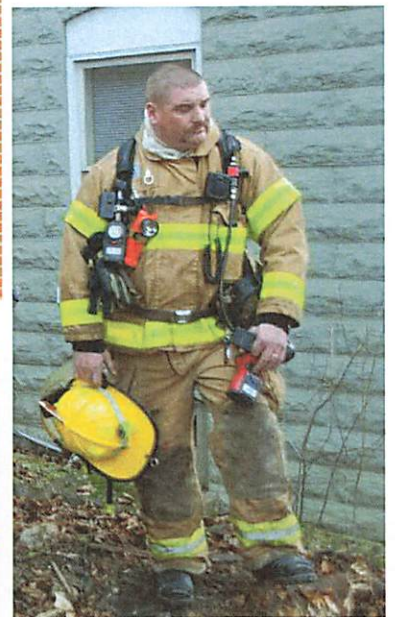




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Congratulations to Master Firefighter Donnie Babb, who celebrated 20 years of service in October!





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October 26, 2021

Dr. and Mrs. Fred L. Fox
700 New York Avenue
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Fox,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your donation of \$400.00 to our department. It is community members like you, that continue to help us prosper and serve the community with the best equipment and personnel possible.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

CC: Eric Campbell, City Manager
Michael Parks, Director of Communications