



# THE JOYFUL DISPATCH



**October 2023 Edition**

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*Thank You!!*  


**Wow!**



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**On October 14th, A Shift was called to a traffic crash involving a structure. The customer was given a customer service survey to complete and fill out to let the department know how the call was handled.**

**They rated the overall service provided by the  
Harrisonburg Fire Department as  
EXCELLENT.**

**The customer also included the following comment,  
“Very proud of the fire department. A real credit to the City of Harrisonburg.”**



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The 3rd Annual HFD Winter Coat Drive wrapped up in October. There were 121 coats donated to the drive. Fire personnel will be delivering the coats to Harrisonburg City Schools on November 1st thru November 3rd.





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CITY OF HARRISONBURG  
**POLICE**  
DEPARTMENT

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October 20, 2023

Chief Mathew Tobia  
City of Harrisonburg Fire Department  
101 North Main Street  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Dear Chief Tobia,

On October 3, 2023, the Harrisonburg Police Department discovered that a robbery suspect was barricaded in the 600 block of Liberty Street. This information was provided by his mother who also reported that she was just assaulted by him.

Several HPD officers, SWAT Team members, CNT and Command Officers responded to the scene. After a short while it was decided that we needed the Drone Team, the Mobile Command Post, and medical personnel to standby. Not long after our request was made to your team, did they arrive- and boy did they! There were more HFD Personnel on site than police!

Why was this so important? Because HPD Command could focus on the critical incident at hand and HFD Personnel could handle all the logistics, computers, drones, and robots. It was especially helpful to have Deputy Chief Zimmerman present to check in every so often with me to see if we needed anything.

I am pleased to report that after 8+ hours the situation was resolved, and the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Thank you for your commitment to teamwork and continued cooperation. Please extend my gratitude to your personnel who assisted my team on October 3, 2023.

Very truly yours,

Kelley D. Warner  
Chief of Police



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Chief Tobia

I wanted to take a minute to say  
Thank You for your help in planning  
and supporting the October BOA  
Meeting + Annual Retreat. The Wednesday  
team building exercise was well received  
+ those that attended had a great time.  
Dinner at O'Neills was a success -  
the food was great + the company was  
great. I also wanted to  
acknowledge your goodie bags  
for all those in attendance - you  
always go the extra step in welcoming us  
to Harrisonburg. Thanks also for  
providing the projector + laptop  
for the Friday Training session.  
I suspect Mandy was involved behind  
the scenes - please convey my thanks  
and appreciation to her as well. Your  
support helped ensure another successful  
EVENT!  
Chris

Chief Tobia received a thank you note from

Chris Eudailey, President/CEO of the Foundation Board of Trustees,

of Virginia Fire Chiefs Association,

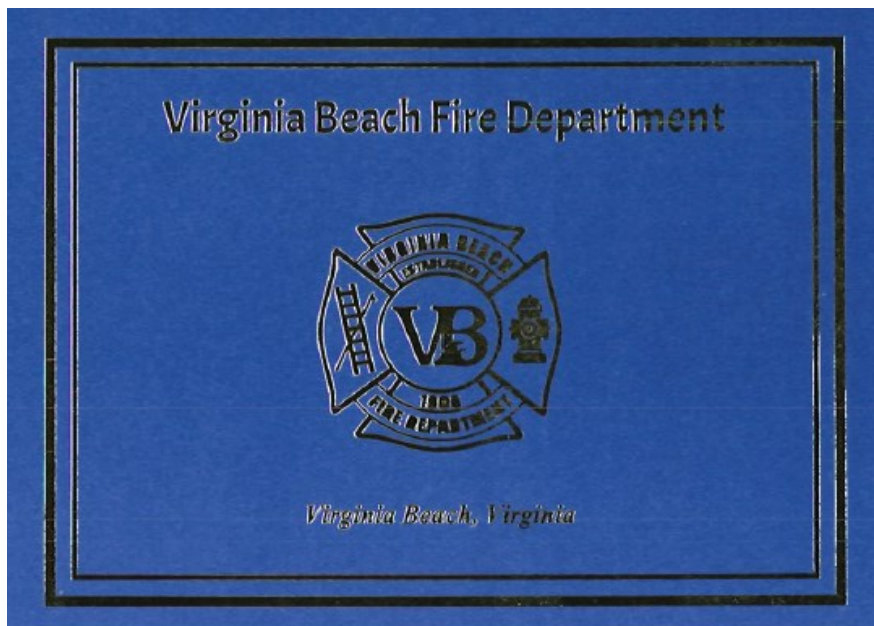
for hosting the 2023 Annual Fire Chiefs Retreat.



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A thank you note form Deputy Fire Chief Vance Cooper of Virginia Beach Fire Department to Chief Tobia, thanking him for hosting the 2023 Annual Fire Chiefs Retreat.



Chief Tobia

October 2023

Thank you once again for hosting the VFCA Annual Retreat. The camaraderie, hospitality, educational session helped meet the mission of leadership, education & advocacy. Your energy & that of your department's members always shines and represents the fine services commitment of being the best. I look forward to working closely on solving the Funding Needs of VA Fire Service.

Respectfully,  
Vance



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## Department Employees Who Celebrated Birthdays In October

*Kim Smith, Administrative Specialist*

*Zack Gentry, Firefighter*

*Joseph Walker, Lieutenant*

*Jody Quesenberry, Deputy Chief of Support Services*

*Michael Arehart, Firefighter*

*Brianna Petit, Child Safety Seat Technician*

*Tanner Reedy, Firefighter*

*Josh Woughter, Firefighter Recruit*



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*Flappy  
Anniversary!*

*Department Employees Who Celebrated A  
October Milestone Work Anniversary*



*Master Firefighter*

*Roy Garber*

*15 Years*





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*Happy Anniversary*

***Department Employees Who Celebrated A  
October Work Anniversary***

Lieutenant Joe Weaver — 23 Years

*Battalion Chief Morgan McComas — 22 Years*

Master Firefighter Donnie Babb — 22 Years

*Lieutenant Matthew Bauserman — 18 Years*

Master Firefighter Daren Showalter — 18 Years

*Master Firefighter Brett Biddle — 13 Years*

Firefighter Andrew Crowley — 11 Years

*Firefighter Josh Lohr — 6 Years*

Fire Inspector Jeff Morris — 4 Years

*Office Manager Mandy Waybright — 3 Years*