



THE JOYFUL DISPATCH



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CITY MANAGER ANDE BANKS SENT THE EMAIL BELOW, IN RECOGNITION OF OUR PERSONNEL, WHO RESPONDED TO A CARDIAC ARREST AND SAVED THE INDIVIDUAL!

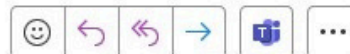
Thank You



Ande Banks

To Adam Ware; Alan Wampler; Alec Thibodeaux; Andrea Mullens;
 Andrew Bauserman; Andrew Crowley; Andrew Sutherland; **+112 others**

Cc **Executive Leadership Team**; Deanna R. Reed; Laura A. Dent;
 Monica L. Robinson; Dany R. Fleming; Christopher B. Jones



12/29/2024

Follow up. Start by Tuesday, December 31, 2024. Due by Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

Good morning,

Please feel free to share with your staff.

Too often in today's world we are inundated with bad news and misery. That is why it is so crucial that we celebrate the successes big and small. I write this morning to share with you a wonderful story that transpired yesterday and praise those who made the outcome possible. A middle-aged man playing basketball at the Wellness Center went into cardiac arrest – his heart had stopped and he wasn't breathing. His daughter was also at the Wellness Center. The staff immediately began CPR and in addition to the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad, our staff below responded and were able to revive this gentleman. The patient subsequently went to the Cath Lab at SRMH where he had two stents placed in his heart and most surprisingly he is expected to be discharged from the hospital today. Please help me recognize the folks below.

Harrisonburg Rescue Squad:

Molly Karabinus, Duty Officer

Jeremy Rice

Ethan Smolley

Ben Bermudez

Alex Chotikul

Battalion Chief Zeb Lilly – Battalion 4

Lieutenant Eric Higgs – Engine 1

FF Michael Thompson – Engine 1

FF Chelsea Karicofe – Engine 1

FF Chris Lomelin – Engine 1

FF Michael Thompson – Engine 2

FF Eric Breedon – Engine 2

FF Trey Price – Engine 2

FF Sheldon Kilduff – Engine 2

As I share with our newest employees in orientation twice a month, our work is essential. From safe streets, efficient sanitation, planning, financial management, amazing green spaces, accessible transportation, clean drinking water, recruitment and retention of the best employees and for those that run into crisis and provide life-saving assistance, YOU are the life-blood of a vibrant community.

Thank you to each of you.

Humbly and respectfully yours,

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**IN DECEMBER WE
WELCOMED
JONATHAN KICINSKI
TO THE DEPARTMENT.
JONATHAN CAME TO
US FROM TENNESSEE.**





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January 9, 2025

Ms. Angela Marrin
Clark & Bradshaw, P.C.
Attorneys at Law

Dear Ms. Marrin,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you and Clark & Bradshaw, P.C. Attorneys at Law for the generous donation of _____ to our department. Support from community members and businesses like yourselves will allow us to continue providing services to the people in our community. We are incredibly grateful for your acknowledgement of the Harrisonburg Fire Department.

Very Respectfully,

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

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





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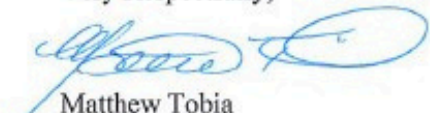
January 15, 2025

Mary Elizabeth Skinner

Dear Ms. Skinner,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of _____ to our department. Your support will allow us to continue providing services to the people in our community. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity.

Very Respectfully,



Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

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



January BIRTHDAYS!

Lieutenant Trevor Nelson

Master Firefighter Sam Morell

Firefighter Trey Price

Comm. Paramedic Heather Stempien

Firefighter Matthew McCray

Firefighter Leslie Pullen

Firefighter Kellie Sacksteder

January Anniversaries

Larry Bennington, Captain

13 years

Matthew McCray, Master Firefighter

7 years

Austin Collins, Firefighter

4 years

Jared Cheifetz, Firefighter

3 years

Andrea Mullens, Logistics

2 years

January Milestone **ANNIVERSARIES**



**PAUL HELMUTH, FIRE ADMIN OFFICER
15 YEARS**



**ROY GARBER, MASTER FIREFIGHTER
15 YEARS**

January Milestone **ANNIVERSARIES**



**JAMISON RYDER,
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GENERALIST
1 YEAR**



**DECKLYN POWELL, FIREFIGHTER
1 YEAR**



**CHRISTOPHER LOMELIN, FIREFIGHTER
1 YEAR**