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101 NORTH MAIN STREET HARRISONBURG, VA 22802 OFFICE (540) 432-7703

July 8, 2025

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3739 – Collinsville 210 Mill Creek Drive Bassett, VA 24055

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the Fraternal Order of Eagles for the generous donation of to our department. Support from community members and organizations 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 In June, Mr. Jenkins suffered a heart attack at his son's home. Thanks to his son's quick 911 call and the rapid response from Engine 1 – C Shift (Acting Lt. C.J. Smith, FF/Paramedics Matthew McCray and Keith Link), he made a full recovery.

Just three weeks later, Mr. Jenkins met two of the men who helped save his life.



Acting Lieutenant C.J. Smith, Mr. Jenkins and Firefighter Paramedic Matthew McCray





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July 16, 2025

Josh Shank, Fire Chief Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Company 304 North Main Street Bridgewater, VA 22812

Dear Fire Chief Shank,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to thank the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Company for covering the City of Harrisonburg during our "Pizza Night" on July 9th. Without the assistance of your fire company, we would not have been able to make that night such a success.

It goes without saying that we are in your debt and stand ready to assist in the future. Please do not hesitate to call upon us anytime for assistance in whatever form it is needed.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tobia, Fire Chief

CC: Jeremy Holloway, Fire Chief Rockingham County Fire and Rescue





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July 16, 2025

Josh Lohr, Fire Chief Broadway Volunteer Fire Department PO Box 156 Broadway, VA 22815

Dear Fire Chief Lohr,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to thank the Broadway Volunteer Fire Department for covering the City of Harrisonburg during our "Pizza Night" on July 9th. Without the assistance of your fire company, we would not have been able to make that night such a success.

It goes without saying that we are in your debt and stand ready to assist in the future. Please do not hesitate to call upon us anytime for assistance in whatever form it is needed.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tobia Fire Chief

CC: Jeremy Holloway, Fire Chief Rockingham County Fire and Rescue

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Paul Helmuth,
Fire Administrative Officer

Josh Lohr, Lieutenant

Robert Hilley, Lieutenant

Wesley Meadows, Lieutenant

Sam Blosser, Firefighter I

Bryant Stunda, Firefighter I

Tyler Floyd, Firefighter II

SOME ANDERSARIES

MASTER FIREFIGHTER

JEREMEY HOLLAND - 22 YEARS

ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPERATIONS ZEB LILLY - 22 YEARS

LIEUTENANT ANDREW BAUSERMAN - 22 YEARS

LIEUTENANT TREVOR NELSON - 18 YEARS

MASTER FIREFIGHTER ALAN WAMPLER - 18 YEARS

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL LUKE WALKER - 13 YEARS

LIEUTENANT ROBERT HILLEY - 7 YEARS

FIREFIGHTER RYAN EAGLE - 6 YEARS

FIREFIGHTER ALEC THIBODEAUX - 6 YEARS

July Milestone ANNIVERSARIES



JARED QUESENBERRY, LIEUTENANT 25 YEARS



CHRIS SNYDER, LIEUTENANT 20 YEARS



MICHAEL AREHART, MASTER FIREFIGHTER 20 YEARS