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To:

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Date:

9/2/2025

Thanks for replacing
our smoke alarms.

What a wonderful
group of young men
who visited our
neighborhood!

**On August 25th The Department Did A Smoke Alarm
Canvas In Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn's Neighborhood.
Mrs. Vaugh Sent In This Nice Note Along With A
Generous Donation!**



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**FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

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OFFICE (540) 432-7703

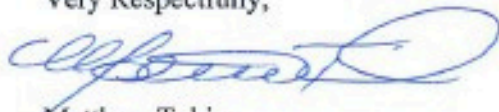
September 5, 2025

William & Judy Vaughan

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of _____ to our department. Support from community members like yourselves makes our job easier and more fulfilling. 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



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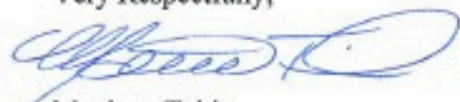
September 8, 2025

Patsy K. Campbell

Dear Ms. Campbell,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donation of _____ in memory of Donald Knicely. 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
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September 10, 2025

Dr. Fred L. Fox

Dear Dr. Fox,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of _____ to our department. Support from community members like yourself makes our job easier and more fulfilling. Your support will allow us to continue providing services to the people in our community. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity.

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September 12, 2025

Marilyn Schlabach

Dear Ms. Schlabach,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of _____ to our department. Support from community members like yourselves makes our job easier and more fulfilling. Your support will allow us to continue providing services to the people in our community. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity.

Very Respectfully,



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Fire Chief

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September 12, 2025

Hart's Automotive & 24-Hour Towing
2365 Maryland Road
Broadway, VA 22815

Hart's Automotive,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your help in placing the roof on our new training prop. It is community members like you, that continue to help us prosper and serve the community with the best equipment and personnel possible. Without generous support such as yours we would not be able to serve the wonderful community of the City of Harrisonburg.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

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



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September 12, 2025

Ms. Towana Moore
JMU Vice President of Administration
Alumnae Hall
MSC 7606
91 Alumnae Drive
Harrisonburg, VA 22807

Dear Ms. Moore,

On behalf of the Harrisonburg Fire Department, I would like to extend our most sincere and heartfelt thank you for so generously allowing us the use of Bridgeforth Stadium for our 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb.

Words hardly suffice to express the depth of our gratitude. What you provided was so much more than just a venue—it was a sanctuary. A place where firefighters, first responders, families, and community members came together to honor the fallen, to remember the sacrifices made, and to climb, step by step, in tribute to the 343 firefighters and thousands of lives lost on that fateful day.

In a world where time moves quickly and memories risk fading, your partnership helped us ensure that the memory of 9/11 remains vivid and honored.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for standing with us in solemn solidarity. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

Very Respectfully,

Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

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

Thank
You

September 2025

To HFD Station 3,

We would like to thank you for the dedication and service provided to us on a recent accident on I-81 South. On the morning of August 11, you responded to an automobile crash between a tractor trailer truck and a Jeep Cherokee.

The occupants of the Jeep included our son, daughter-in-law, two young granddaughters and the family pet. We are forever grateful for your rapid response on scene. The firefighters

quickly assessed the situation and made sure no one needed medical attention on site or transportation via an ambulance.

As firefighters and members of the Southbury Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary, we have responded to accidents on scene but never on the receiving end of assistance. We are thankful for your care and service

Sincerely,

Linda & Terry Brenn
Holly & Eric Brenn

MADE WITH PAPER FROM
WELL-MANAGED FORESTS



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September 18, 2025

Linda & Terry Brenn

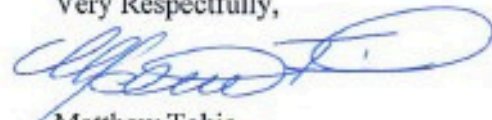
Dear Mr. And Mrs. Brenn,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of _____ to our department. Your support significantly contributes to enhancing our resources and advancing our mission to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

We take this opportunity to say thank you for the kind note that accompanied your donation. The individuals that were on B-Shift at Station 3 on the morning on August 11th were Acting Lieutenant Trevor Nelson, Master Firefighter Glenn Beathe and Firefighter Austin Collins. We are delighted that your son, daughter in law and two granddaughters were okay and did not need medical attention. I will be sure to share your heartfelt note with the gentlemen on B-Shift at Station 3.

Thank you again for your generous donation.

Very Respectfully,



Matthew Tobia
Fire Chief

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

SEPTEMBER PROMOTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**MASTER FIREFIGHTER
DREW BRADY
WAS PROMOTED TO
LIEUTENANT**

**FIREFIGHTER II
RYAN EAGLE
WAS
PROMOTED TO
MASTER
FIREFIGHTER**

**FIREFIGHTER I
DUSTIN EMORE
WAS PROMOTED TO
FIREFIGHTER II**



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Larry Werner, Battalion Chief

Luke Walker, Deputy Fire Marshal

Josh Holloway, Firefighter

Chelsey Karicofe, Firefighter

Decklyn Powell, Firefighter

Drew Brady, Lieutenant

Dustin Wood, Firefighter

Hunter Desper, Training Officer

Stuart Bell, Firefighter

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

MASTER FIREFIGHTER
CHASE COFFEY - 17 YEARS

ACTING LIEUTENANT
C.J. SMITH - 14 YEARS

LIEUTENANT
WESLEY MEADOWS - 9 YEARS

FIREFIGHTER
LESLIE PULLEN - 4 YEARS

FIREFIGHTER
JACK VANORDEN - 3 YEARS

August Milestone **ANNIVERSARIES**



**ANDREW SUTHERLAND,
MASTER FIREFIGHTER
10 YEARS**



**ERIC HIGGS,
LIEUTENANT
10 YEARS**