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HFD Secures Grant to Support Child Safety Programs

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to support efforts aimed at strengthening public health and emergency response capabilities.

The funding will be used to expand community health outreach programs, more specifically child passenger, pedestrian and bike safety. The funding will allow the department to reach more underserved populations in the area, especially community members that might otherwise not be aware of, or benefit from, the programs.

“We are grateful to the Virginia Department of Health for this important investment in the health and safety of our community,” Fire Chief Matthew Tobia said. “As important as the funding is, its value is only realized through the hard work and commitment of our community risk reduction team. This award demonstrates the shared mission of both HFD and VDH to protect the well-being of all Virginians through proactive planning, rapid response and strong community partnerships.”



(Above) HFD member Leslie Pullen assists a community member with a car seat safety check. A recent VDH grant will support HFD's efforts to conduct more child safety activities in Harrisonburg.

HFD has a robust child passenger safety seat program including free car seats for qualified individuals. Find more information about the department and its programs at www.harrisonburgva.gov/fire.

The Harrisonburg Fire Department is an ISO-Class II All-Hazards agency providing essential emergency and non-emergency life safety services to the public who live, work and travel in Harrisonburg. More information about the Fire Department is available at www.harrisonburgva.gov/fire or on Facebook and Instagram.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to over 56,879 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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