



Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department

SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



I am excited to introduce the inaugural edition of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) Newsletter! This platform serves as a bridge between the dedicated members of the LPFD and the wonderful members of our community, whom we are committed to protecting. In this edition, I am thrilled to highlight some of our services and accomplishments and share a few summer safety tips. By staying informed and practicing these fire safety tips, we can all contribute to a safer summer for our families and neighbors. Be on the lookout for future newsletters highlighting the members of our department and developments.

I am incredibly proud of our community's dedication and resilience, and I look forward to continuing our journey together. Stay safe, stay informed, and let's make this summer one to remember for all the right reasons!

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Testa".

Chief Testa

DID YOU KNOW?

LPFD's Crucial Role in Statewide Emergencies

When major disasters strike, LPFD springs into action. With an Office of Emergency Services Type 1 fire engine provided by the California Office of Emergency Services, four LPFD members stand ready for deployment statewide. Additionally, the Department can dispatch two more fire apparatuses with eight personnel to assist during significant crises.

As the number of homes in urban-wildland areas increases, LPFD's participation in mutual aid becomes even more vital. This involvement not only saves lives and safeguards property but also helps mitigate the impact of these incidents. Additionally, some of LPFD's members have specialized training and qualifications to play key roles in managing large-scale emergencies. Captain Thau recently responded to the Maui wildfires as part of an elite incident management team staffed by specialists from throughout the state, showcasing LPFD's commitment to aiding communities in distress. Typically, such deployments last between 14 and 21 days, highlighting the ongoing dedication of LPFD to statewide disaster relief efforts. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services fully reimburses out-of-county mutual aid responses.





BEAT THE HEAT

Tips for Staying Safe



Hydrate Wisely

Opt for water over sugary drinks to stay refreshed.



Beat the Heat

Limit outdoor activities during peak temperatures.



Dress Light

Choose breathable clothing to stay cool outdoors.



Prioritize Rest

Ensure plenty of sleep for a healthy body.



Stay Active

Keep moving to maintain strength and wellness.



Sun Safety

Wear sun protection when outdoors.

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

As summer approaches, so does the threat of wildfires. Remember, fire knows no boundaries! Take proactive steps to safeguard your property by clearing hazardous vegetation, such as grass, weeds, brush, dead trees, and debris.

Learn more: Learn more on how to evaluate your wildfire risk:

Risk Assessment Training – bit.ly/3yKF5Lr

Education and Research – bit.ly/3yPXIV5





LFPD SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

Fire Explorer Program

LFPD provides diverse programs, like the Fire Explorer Program. Our Explorer Post #933, in collaboration with LFPD and Boy Scouts of America, offers invaluable training for future firefighters. Explorers are exposed to various training opportunities such as:

- ▶ Engine/ Truck Familiarization
- ▶ Hose Pulls and Ladder Throws
- ▶ SCBA Donning and Doffing
- ▶ Search and Rescue
- ▶ Auto Extraction
- ▶ Rope Rescue
- ▶ Saws/Ventilation
- ▶ Emergency Medical Services
- ▶ Specialty Classes: Hazmat FRO, Confined Space Awareness, LARRO

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

Lithium-ion batteries power our electronics and are essential to our daily lives. However, improper handling can cause fires due to their stored energy. Follow these precautions to reduce your risk:

Use Correct Batteries:

Ensure batteries are designed for your device.

Unplug When Fully Charged:

Remove devices from chargers once fully powered.

Control Temperature:

Keep batteries in the range of 32°F – 104°F.

Avoid Heat Sources:

Keep batteries away from equipment that generates heat.

Monitor for Changes:

Cease use if batteries overheat, change shape, or change color.

Learn More:





E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety:
[nfpa.org/Education-and-Research/Electrical/Ebikes](https://www.nfpa.org/Education-and-Research/Electrical/Ebikes)

Use Call2Recycle to locate battery drop-off points for safe disposal:
[call2recycle.org/locator/](https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/)

GRILLING SAFETY TIPS



Summer means outdoor fun, including cooking out. In the United States, this tradition leads to over 10,000 house fires each year, often sparked by gas grills. Prioritize safety with these tips:

-  **Use Propane Outdoors**
Keep gas grills outside only.
-  **Maintain Distance**
Position grills at least 10 feet away from structures and overhanging leaves.
-  **Keep It Clean**
Ensure your grill stays grease-free by cleaning it before or after each use.
-  **Keep Kids and Pets Away**
Maintain a distance of at least 3 feet between cooking areas and children or pets.

Learn More: Explore outdoor grilling safety tips from the NFPA for additional guidance: bit.ly/45ej3Nu

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

2024

Each year, LPFD community members are encouraged to nominate their peers who demonstrate exceptional dedication or go above and beyond in their work or program involvement. This tradition highlights the culture of appreciation and camaraderie throughout our organization. It serves as a testament to the value we place on recognizing the outstanding contributions of every individual within our ranks.

As we celebrate the achievements of this year's award recipients, let us also take a moment to express our gratitude to every member of the LPFD family. Each person brings unique talents, perspectives, and contributions to our collective mission. Together, we form a strong and resilient team dedicated to serving our community with integrity, compassion, and excellence.

Firefighter of the Year – Frank Nasca

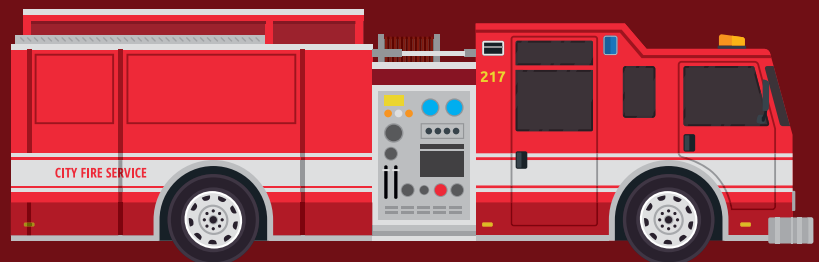
Firefighter-Paramedic of the Year – Derek Green

Professional of the Year – Monique McLaughlin

Volunteer of the Year – Janet Vigallon

Reserve Firefighter of the Year – Chaye Cliff

Explorer of the Year – CJ Johnston





AWARDEE SPOTLIGHT

Explorer of the Year

CJ Johnson was recognized as this year's Explorer of the Year due to CJ's remarkable leadership, humble demeanor, and unwavering dedication to our explorer post, department, and communities. He leads by example, inspiring his peers with his passion for exploration and commitment to excellence. Congratulations CJ!

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Be On The Look Out!

The LPFD Fire Expo returns on October 5th at the LPFD Training Center at 3301 Busch Road, Pleasanton, CA.

Join us to celebrate NFPA's National Fire Prevention Week. The Livermore–Pleasanton Fire Department and the Livermore–Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation along with community partners including the Livermore and Pleasanton police departments, East Bay Regional Parks District and CERT are proud to present a day spent with our community having fun and learning more about LPFD and Fire Safety.



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