



Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department

**FALL 2024
NEWSLETTER**

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



As fall approaches, it's time for transition and preparation. September is National Preparedness Month, and Fire Prevention Week is October 6 to 12. Both serve as great reminders to invest some time into readiness.

I encourage everyone to take a few moments to ensure your smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms have fresh batteries and are tested. This time of year also calls for extra caution on the roads with kids returning to school and the slickness of the first rains. Please exercise special care around school buses and at crosswalks where children may be present. Additionally, disaster preparedness is crucial; make sure your family has a plan that everyone understands so you are ready for any emergency.

Please join us at the upcoming Fire Expo on October 5. This event is a great opportunity to learn more about fire safety, meet our dedicated team, and see firsthand the equipment and techniques we use to protect our community. It is a fun and informative event for all ages, and I look forward to seeing you there.

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is dedicated to serving our community with the highest level of commitment. We can ensure a safe and secure season for all by working together. Stay safe, stay prepared, and join us at the Fire Expo!

Thanks,

Chief Testa

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month, a crucial reminder of the importance of being ready for the unexpected. Disasters can strike at any time, often without warning, and being prepared can make all the difference in ensuring your safety and the safety of your loved ones.

One of the first steps in preparedness is creating a basic emergency kit. This kit should include essentials like water, non-perishable food, a flashlight, batteries, a first-aid kit, and any necessary medications. These items can help you navigate the initial hours and days after a disaster, especially if basic services are disrupted.



BUILD A KIT

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water (one gallon per person per day for several days for drinking and sanitation)
- Food (at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting, scissors and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

CREATING AN EMERGENCY PLAN

Equally important is developing a plan with your family and friends. Communication can be challenging in an emergency, and having a predetermined meeting point and plan of action is crucial. Make sure everyone in your family knows the plan, including what to do if they are away from home when a disaster strikes.

Children should be familiar with the plan. Teach them how to recognize safe places to go if they are not with family, and ensure they know how to contact you or another trusted adult. Knowing what to do can empower them to stay calm and make smart decisions in a crisis. Talk to their schools and understand what their plans are in the event that an emergency occurs during school hours.

For more information and for assistance with building an emergency kit and emergency plan, visit: [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)



SMOKE ALARM SAFETY



- 🔥 Install smoke alarms on the ceiling or wall in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- 🔥 Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen and at least 10 feet from the stove.
- 🔥 Difficulty hearing? Smoke alarms are available with strobe lights and bed shakers.
- 🔥 Use interconnected smoke alarms when possible. When one sounds, they all sound.
- 🔥 Test all smoke alarms monthly by pressing the test button.
- 🔥 Replace all smoke alarms 10 years after the manufacturer's date found on the back of the smoke alarm.

LFPD NEWEST MEMBERS

Please join us in congratulating the 11 newest members of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department! After successfully completing 20 weeks of rigorous academy training at Las Positas College, followed by 4 weeks of specialized LFPD training. These dedicated individuals have proven their readiness to serve our community. The journey through the academy is not for the faint of heart. It is a demanding experience that challenges both mental and physical strength. It tests physical endurance, grit and the dedication required to excel in this noble profession.

We are thrilled to welcome these new members into the LFPD family. Their success is a testament to their hard work and the unwavering support from their families, friends, the exceptional team at Las Positas College, and our committed LFPD instructors. We honor their accomplishments and look forward to the positive contributions they will bring to our communities.



EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

Sabel Maguire, Fire Captain

Sabel Maguire joined the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department in 2016 as a Firefighter/EMT and quickly rose through the ranks to Engineer and Captain. Before LFPD, she honed her skills with Cal Fire in the San Luis Obispo Unit. Sabel's dedication to the department is evident in her extensive involvement as the Recruitment Committee Chair, Hazmat Team Member, Wildland and Ladder Instructor, Water Rescue Team Lead, and more. Outside of work, she is deeply committed to mentorship and education, participating in programs like CalJac, NorCal WFS Girls Camp and serving as a founding member of CalFire Camp Cinder.

When she's not on duty, Sabel enjoys traveling, spearfishing, crafting cocktails, and spending quality time with her family, including her niece, nephew, and beloved French bulldogs.

When asked what advice she would give to someone interested in the fire service, Sabel stated, "Reach out to departments in your area and start asking questions. We all got into the fire service with help from someone else, and it's our duty to pay it forward to the next generation of aspiring firefighters."

LPFD SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

Fire Prevention Division

The Fire Prevention Division is comprised of a team of experts dedicated to providing courteous, professional service to reduce the loss of life, property, and environmental quality. The division is responsible for the enforcement of the California Fire, Building, Electrical, Residential, Mechanical codes, referenced National Fire Protection Association Standards, and various California Code of Regulations. The unit oversees the implementation of the following programs:

- 🔥 Annual Fire Inspection Program
 - 🔥 Weed Abatement Program
 - 🔥 Plan Review
 - 🔥 Public Education
 - 🔥 Installation & Maintenance of Life Safety Systems
 - 🔥 Fire Safety Concerns/Complaints
- 🔥 CalEPA Unified Program with oversight of:
 - Hazardous Waste (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5)
 - Underground Storage Tanks (CCR, Title 23, Division 6, Chapter 16)
 - Aboveground Petroleum Safety Act (CCR, Division 20, Chapter 6.67)
 - Hazardous Materials Business Plan (CCR, Title 19, Division 20, Chapter 6.95 - Hazardous Materials Release Response Plans and Inventory)
 - California Accidental Release Program (CalARP) (CCR, Title 19, Division 5, Chapter 2)

To learn more about the services offered, visit our website at lpfire.org

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Chase Rochin, Probationary Firefighter

We are excited to introduce one of our newest employees, Chase Rochin, who has a strong connection to the Livermore community as a fifth-generation resident. Chase has lived in Livermore his entire life and feels a special bond with this area.

With a background as an EMT and reserve firefighter for Alameda County, Chase has dedicated four years to serving others. His journey through the Las Positas Academy and Richmond Fire Academy reflects his dedication to honing his skills. He has trained rigorously and given back to the community by teaching students at Las Positas College, sharing his personal experiences to help the next generation of firefighters.

Chase was a probationary firefighter at another local agency, but his passion for serving his hometown led him to join the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. In a full-circle moment, Chase found himself in the same academy with a student he had previously taught, allowing him to mentor others as they trained alongside him.

Now, as a probationary firefighter for LPFD, Chase is eager to build on his experience, form strong relationships, and contribute to the community he knows and loves. His passion for both the area and the job makes him a perfect fit for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, and we are excited to see the positive impact he will have on our team and the community.





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Be On The Look Out!

The LPFD Fire Expo returns on **October 5** 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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