



LIVERMORE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Fall Newsletter

Have A Very Merry
Holiday Season

LFPD Firefighter Appreciation Night

Approximately 40 people – members, family and friends of Livermore Fire Protection District (LFPD) – attended the annual LFPD Firefighter Appreciation dinner on November 30, 2010, held at Livermore Community Church (LCC). Diane Watkins and Bill Moore, LFPD Board President and Treasurer respectively, catered the event with a barbeque feast for attendees.

The focus of the evening was on appreciation and team building. Guests were treated to a continuously running slide show of various members, activities, and training photos. Diane Watkins greeted guests and spoke about the leadership transition, thanking former Chief Herrington for his efforts, and addressed some benefits information for members and family. Pastor Ken Hall of LCC expressed appreciation to LFPD for their efforts on behalf of the community and presented each member with

a gift of LFPD Safety Officer/Chaplain Gay and Sue Reynolds book, "Stories of Faith and Courage from Firefighters and First Responders", beautifully wrapped in a fire design scarf with a Fellowship of Christian Firefighters stuffed animal Dalmatian included.

Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Lang gave a special thank you to members and their families with a reading and a personal gift of author Michael Perry's, "Population: 485, Meeting Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time". Assistant Fire Chief Ralph Payne gave a touching presentation on the importance and value of LFPD's teamwork. Chief Debra Payne presented several members with service pins: firefighter Joel Funk with his EMT pin for completion of his EMT training; firefighter and EMS Coordinator Sherry Christian, Logistics newsletter editor Caryl Schonbrun, and Fire Board Director Byron McGough with their 2 year service pins; fire-

fighter Matt Herrington with his 5 year service pin; Assistant Chief Jerry Lang with his 10 year service pin; and Assistant Chief Ralph Payne with his Assistant Chief pin. Asst Chief Payne then presented Chief Payne with her Chief service pin.

Chief Payne then gave a slideshow presentation highlighting major events impacting the department through the year, as well as speaking of each Logistics and Responder contributions to the department. A special plaque was presented to former Chief Herrington in recognition of his years of service as Chief as well as his continued help with the department. She ended her presentation with the announcement of LFPD's 2010 Firefighter of the Year award recipient, who was elected this year by a majority of the Responders – Assistant Chief Jerry Lang. His name will once again be added to the Station 1 plaque listing all

recipients of this award in recognition of exceptional service to the department and the community as a member of LFPD. At the close of the evening, each member received a gift of a Garmin eTrex H personal navigator for use on locating emergency calls and setting up landing zones, as well as woolen hoods with the LFPD logo.

LFPD's Firefighter of the Year event is held each November as an opportunity to recognize and honor the volunteers that donate many hours of time to training, maintaining, and responding to calls for help in Livermore's 310 square mile district.



Congratulations to Assistant Chief Jerry Lang...LFPD 2010 Firefighter Of The Year!



"Wishing You A Wonderful Safe Holiday Season" From The Chief!

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Congratulations: To Firefighter Ralph Payne

Ralph Payne, volunteer firefighter/emergency medical technician and assistant Fire Chief for Livermore Fire Protection District, was the recent recipient of his corporation's Excellence in Volunteering Award, one of 11 chosen out of more than 130 applicants from across the U.S. And Puerto Rico.



Ralph Payne, Manufacturing, volunteer for Colorado
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call as a volunteer firefighter/EMT and assistant fire chief for the Livermore Fire Protection District. Payne and his fellow volunteers answer about 100 calls annually ranging from motor vehicle accidents to structure and wildland fires.

Payne covers 30 miles of highway and 310 square miles of rural Colorado, where the nearest medical center is almost an hour drive away — even longer in snowy months. “Rural areas need volunteers who can drop what they are doing, day or night, and run in and help set or splint bones, stop major bleeds or rescue people out of their crashed vehicles,” Payne says.

Amgen Inc. awarded \$5,000 to the non-profit where the winning staff members volunteer. “Congratulations to the recipients of the first Amgen Excellence in Volunteering Awards,” said Jean Lim, president of the Amgen Foundation. “All of the applicants were outstanding and demonstrated that Amgen staff are committed to giving back to their communities by supporting important programs and services.”

Ralph was the only Colorado staff member to receive this recognition and award for his non-profit.

Excerpt from Amgen's press release:

Ralph Payne could spend his free time — not to mention vacation days — immersed in safe hobbies like golf or gardening. Instead, this certified emergency medical technician is on

“It’s nice to know that an ambulance or chopper is in route, but we get to people in need *first* and address their immediate life threats.”



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The 78 Pumper Pumps No More; the Decommissioning of “Old Engine 1”

When is a fire truck no longer a fire truck? When the pump doesn't pump and the tanks won't hold water and the valves won't close. There comes a time in the life of an old work horse like the 78 Pierce Pumper to be put out to pasture or in our case, stripped of all usable parts, and converted to a public relations role and educational display outside of Station #1. Decommissioned as a fire engine with 32 years of service on 30 Jul 2010, the Pierce was gently rolled into a place of honor marking the northeast corner of the district property. Although this fine machine can no longer be allowed to serve in a firefighting role due to the irreparable and unsafe operating condition, its new position will still inform, educate and serve as a physical wind break for the newly installed municipal gardens and picnic area that are open to the public. Anyone wishing to contribute used heavy outdoor furniture, garden ornamentation or plant material for the picnic area should contact Diane Watkins or Bill Moore at 482-6508 to arrange pick up.



Meet Your Firefighter...Fire Chief Debra Payne



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How long have you lived in this area and how many years have you been with LFPD?

We moved to Livermore in 2006 and joined LFPD right away as firefighter/EMTs. One of the things we did when looking for property was check into the fire departments to see if they had a need – that played a role in deciding where we were going to relocate. LFPD definitely had a need. We were excited to become a part of the department as we transitioned to a new area.

What motivated you to start firefighting?

Living in rural mountain communities, it's risky to rely on resources that may be some distance away and some time in responding. We felt it was important to get the training necessary to help ourselves and our neighbors in an emergency. It's hard work, it takes time away from other activities, it disrupts your regular routine, it's dangerous. But it's the most rewarding and fulfilling thing I've ever done.

What keeps you participating?

In a nutshell, for me, it's the opportunity to help whether it's someone's home burning, someone trapped in a car, or any emergency. If any of my family or friends are in need of help, I would want someone trained, committed, and professional to be there helping them. I try to give the same help to those in

our community that I would want my family and friends to have.

What has been the impact on your family?

Thankfully my spouse participates in this activity with me so in most cases, we are responding together and we work well as a team. In the bigger picture, I think it models for our children that we walk the talk in caring for others. Our extended family's worry at the danger is tempered by their pride in what we are doing.

Tell us about an event related to the department that has had a major positive impact on you?

In this district, highway incidents are a huge number of our calls. The patients are many times not residents of our district, but just one of the 7200 vehicles on average that pass through daily. Often the only follow up we get on our patients' condition after we do our job is through the news when information is released to the public. Occasionally a patient or a family member will send us a thank you card or a phone call or stop by the station. Recently I had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with some patients involved in a motor vehicle accident extrication looking healthy and well and thanking us. That is so rewarding and gratifying.

Where do you hope to see LFPD in 5

years?

Within five years, I hope to see LFPD Station 1 expansion project complete and possibly with enough members located throughout the district to build some sub stations in the Red Mountain and Virginia Dale areas. I'd like to see at least 25 responders on the roster so we could have volunteers on a rotating response schedule. I'd also like to see at least 10 well trained Logistics members providing support in admin, station and apparatus maintenance, base station and station assist functions. LFPD has already come a huge way thanks to the original founding members and the dedicated leadership it's been lucky enough to have.

Give us some highlights on your background.

I'm an Air Force veteran and also worked in Security management and as a court stenographer. I competed for many years in martial arts – most notably in Kenpo Karate but also trained in Okinawa Te, Tae Kwan Do and Tang Soo Do and still enjoy practicing at home – on my bag, not my husband! I ride a 2005 Firefighter Special Edition Harley Davidson which has put my horses in semi-retirement until they grow shifters.

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I've performed my entire life as a duo or with various bands on the west coast and up and down the front range. I always have at least 3 things I'm reading at once, love playing video games, and love hanging out with my critters – and my husband!

What are some of your future life plans?

My husband and I have a dream of someday retiring and hitting the road on our Harleys with Born to be Wild playing in the background...

Have A Safe And Happy Holiday Season!



Burn Permits

Now is the time to get rid of those unwanted tree limbs and slash piles from your efforts to create defensible space around your mountain retreat. Most outdoor burning in unincorporated Larimer County requires a permit signed by both the Fire Department and the Department of Health and Environment. The Fire Department evaluates applications for potential fire safety issues, while the Health Department evaluates applications for air quality issues that can impact human health.

To obtain a permit, there are three methods available that you can use:

1. Fill out online application form at http://www.larimer.org/health/ehs/burn_permit.htm
2. Visit the Department of Health and Environment at 1525 Blue Spruce Dr., Fort Collins, 80524 and fill out the application there.

3. You may also contact the department of Health and Environment by phone at 498-6775 and fill out an application by phone.

Once you have your permit, please review the Larimer County Burn Permit information to stay in compliance with county burn guidelines. Only burn when there is at least three inches of snow on the ground and no winds; daylight burning only; attend all fires until completely distinguished; piles no larger than 8 ft. wide and 6 ft. high.

You must also notify Larimer County Dispatch at 416-1985 with the date/time of the burn.

Call 911 if there is an emergency or the fire gets out of hand.

You are responsible for compliance with County regulations and these instructions.