

# Livermore Fire Protection District

## Four Directors Sought for 2012 Fire District Board

A Special District is a Colorado State local government entity.

A Public Records Book is the chronological filing by month of agenda, minutes, contracts and related government business that is stored by year group at the municipal building and is open to public review.

Public funds are tax dollars designated by the mill levy on the land-owners property taxes for the operation of the fire district. Donations and Grant money, once appropriated become public funds.

In ten months, there will be four positions available for Directors of the Livermore Fire Protection District (LFPD) through general election. LFPD Directors are local government officials with the duties and responsibilities set forth by Colorado Revised Statutes and local policies and procedures.

Byron McGough has reported that he will not seek reelection and will complete his current 4 year term of office in May 2012, having served 4 years.

William Moore will not be seeking reelection and will complete his current 2 year term of office in May 2012, having served 6 years as a director. For the last four years he has been District Treasurer and dedicates 20-30 hours per month to processing mail, managing the public and grant funds, reporting to the board, the public, and the state and preparing the treasurer's report.

Diane Watkins will not be seeking reelection and will complete her current 4 year term of office in May 2012, having served 11 years, the first as a Wild-land Firefighter and ten years as Director/Recording Secretary. She is also the President of the board, having assumed that additional position after the untimely passing of Gerald Sheaman in 2009. She dedicates 20-30 hours per month to managing the boards business, insurance claims in support of the firefighters, recording actions, making public filings, preparing the agenda and minutes, and a variety of contract reviews.

There is currently one vacant seat on the board. Directors who attend the board meeting, and engage in at least ten hours of volunteer work between meetings are eligible for a \$100 per month not for profit stipend. All expenses are reimbursable including home office printer supplies and travel expenses

at the business rate. Details pertaining to additional qualifications to run for election/self appointment are available at [www.dola.state.co.us](http://www.dola.state.co.us).

Currently, the public board meeting is the third Tuesday of every month at Fire Station #1 at 7:00pm. At station #1, the Public Records Books are available for examination. All directors are also members of the Pension Board that manage the Fire and Police Pension Association Funds and meet twice a year in conjunction with a regularly scheduled board meeting.

Full time, tax paying residents interested in any of the positions should contact Diane Watkins at 482-6508 and plan to attend the public board meetings. LFPD is an equal opportunity organization.

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### Adopt A LFPD Fire Station Or A Response Vehicle

Looking for a positive activity your family can do together to get off the couch, turn off the television and computers, bond with each other, and help your community? Looking for an activity you and your friends can share together that goes a step beyond a wine tasting? Looking for a worthwhile cause your group can sink their teeth into? Consider "adopting" a Livermore Fire Protection

District fire station or response vehicle. Spend one day a month or a week to share time together as a group and clean the station or wash a response vehicle. This takes a huge burden off the responders and gives you, your family, friends or group a chance to get to know your fire department. Contact the Chief at Station 1. (970) 472-5592 to find out more.

**A special thank you to Mr. William Beranek for performing the duties of LFPD Election Officer for the last 8 years**



## Where are these people..Why are there no addresses..(Can help find your children in time)

In an emergency, seconds count! We have all chosen to live remotely in this community. Once the 911 emergency response system is activated, it takes time for responders to reach these remote communities. EMS in these areas often utilize helicopters for the very reason that it provides a speedier transport in medical emergencies.

Now imagine you are having a heart attack, or bleeding profusely, or even worse, your child or elderly parent needs care, and emergency responders can't find your road address. 80% of the calls for Livermore Fire Protection District (LFPD) and most fire departments are trauma and medical with remaining calls being fire calls. Things sometimes catch on fire, but people are always hurting themselves or sick. Can we find you? Is your address marked? Is it reflective and can we see it at night?

If your home is ablaze, we can usually find it quickly with no help at all. But if it's dark or it's snowy or both, and we can't find your address, then suddenly we are no longer driving "hot" or fast to reach you. We are now driving very, very slowly trying to find an address at the road if it exists. This takes time.

LFPD is dispatched by the Sheriff 911 Dispatchers. They have multiple state-of-the-art satellite maps and can and will guide us in if we are UTL (unable to locate) but again, this takes even more time, very valuable time, and all this time (wasted time) someone is bleeding, hurting, or watching their home burn.

Recently, we were dispatched on a fire alarm call at 3:30 am. The fire alarm was not just an auto call from an alarm service, it was from a "pull station" which has to be manually activated by a person. I'm familiar with the road we were dispatched to. It's a dead end with several homes along the road. As we approached this road, there were no flames visible so now I'm thinking things like, house full of smoke, people unconscious – all kinds of things run through your mind on calls like this.

If you can picture it, we are running hot in the dark to an address we cannot find on a road with six houses and none of them have address numbers or at least none that are reflective that we can see in the dark, so they might as well have nothing at all. Save a life, maybe even your own, and post your address in a spot easy for EMS to see along the road.

Where I live, they recently put brown earthtone address signs that are so reflective, they look electrified on approach. Please remember that it is very possible it may not be an LFPD unit responding who are more familiar with our back roads, but the ambulance from town which takes even longer and as I said at the start of this article, SECONDS COUNT!

**Please make sure your street address is clearly visible from the road at night!**

## Expectations when calling 911

Calling 911 in an emergency in a city or town, there is an expectation that experienced personnel are standing by ready to head out and help you within a matter of minutes. When people move here from a town or drive through rural communities like Livermore, they bring that same expectation that there are experienced personnel standing by ready to head out and help

within a matter of minutes. Somehow, it all just happens.

What happens in our community when someone calls 911: The county Dispatch center forwards information from that call which is sent out via pager to a small number of people in this community called the Livermore Fire Protection District. They check

their pagers and stop whatever they are doing – cooking dinner, cleaning house, tending livestock, reading a book, working on the computer, doing homework – and head to one of two stations in the district. They put on the appropriate gear depending on the nature of the emergency, start up a response vehicle, and look for the mile marker or address sent out on the pager to help whoever is in

need, whatever the emergency is, in all types of conditions.

Volunteers are needed to keep the department functioning. We need community members willing to train as emergency medical technicians/ firefighters and other duties. Please pick up the phone and call Station 1 at 970-472-5592.

Give back to our Volunteer

## How We Can Help Our Volunteer Firefighters

Firefighters with

Duracell's Power Those Who Protect Us battery donation program. When you purchase specially marked CopperTop packs, we'll make a battery donation to volunteer fire departments to power communication devices and life-saving equipment. Each pack contains a unique code, which you can use to direct your battery donation to the volunteer fire department of your choice. Please help!



## MEET Our Firefighters: The Livermore Fire Protection District is made up of your neighbors and friends.



### Assistant Chief Gay Reynolds



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

We moved to Livermore in 1994. I joined the department in early 1995. We were a small department with a great desire to serve our community. That desire has not changed in the 16 years since.

#### What motivated you to start firefighting?

When you see the need for assistance in your community and have an opportunity to help fill the need—you do.

#### What keeps you participating?

The personal satisfaction you get from helping those in need, at whatever level you can, is beyond words. Then you have your “team,” those that make up the department, the oneness we have in the sense of purpose is truly rewarding.

#### What has been the impact on your family?

When our kids and grand-kids are up for dinner or some celebration and we get paged out—they feel that I

don't value the time together. But, when I get home and explain the call—they understand (a little!). I am sure they realize the need to respond, and are thankful that there are people that do—just not when they are here!

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

When you respond in the area in which you reside, the opportunity exists that you will know the one in need. It becomes personal, they are your neighbors and they are in need. I think one of the most recent calls, is a neighbor with a heart episode. We were able to assess and address his needs and get him off to the hospital. The result? He is here and still working, and has become a good friend.

#### Where do you hope to see LFPD in 5 years?

I hope and expect the department to continue to grow and serve the ever increasing needs of our community and those that travel through it. The number of members will increase and the re-

sponse times will decrease. The dedication that is in place now will continue to develop with the increase demand for services. As the population increases in our response area, the need for staffed stations will have to be addressed.

#### Give us some highlights on your background

I have been married to the love of my life for over 43 years. We have 2 married children and 5 grandchildren. I was raised in Michigan, moved to California and moved here in 1994. Happiness is Cal in the rearview mirror! While in Cal, I ran a manufacturing plant and supervised others. As travels increased and a family began, we were able to start our own business and stay home. Retired in '94 and moved here to be closer to our family. Sue and I are involved with the Fellowship of Christian Firefighters, International, a ministry to firefighters throughout the world. As such, we travel a lot and meet with firefighters from around the country. Some of the training opportunities are used here in Livermore. I, also, am an Elder at Livermore Commu-

nity Church. Sue and I are Chaplains trained through the Federation of Fire Chaplains and just completed the Critical Incident Stress Management-Group Crisis Intervention certification under the Federation and the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation.

#### What are some of your future life plans?

Good question! When we “retired” in 1994 and moved here, the Fellowship opened up for us to serve. We now are in the process of turning the leadership over to the “young guys.” I hope to be able to continue serving others in whatever capacity the Lord leads and the doors are opened. I truly enjoy the friendships built up over the years in LFPD and am honored to be allowed to be part of it. LFPD is truly a “family” and I am blessed to be part of it. I thank the community of Livermore for allowing me to serve.



**Return Service Requested**

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**Volunteering is a great experience.. By Todd Powers**

Since joining the Livermore Volunteer Fire Protection District (LFPD) in September I have had nothing but positive experiences. From classroom training, to actual incidences I have found myself enjoying every moment.

What's the commitment? There are two trainings every month, one medical and one fire training, each lasting about three hours. Every training session that I have attended has been incredible and the knowledge learned is priceless. After each training I walk away wanting to learn more. Granted I have just scratched the surface, I am constantly looking forward to the second Tuesday and last Saturday of the month to further increase my understanding of the service.

As for actual incidences, there is always a surge of adrenaline that is created each time the pager sounds. That rush is quelled as soon as I am met at the station by my team members. It is calming to know that I have them to support me and guide me in all aspects of emergency care. When we arrive on scene, it is gratifying to see the team work together in hopes of resolving the situation as efficiently and effectively as possible. I thrive in a team-oriented environment, and that is one reason I fit so well with the LFPD.

Overall, volunteering for the LFPD has been a great experience. I am very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to volunteer for such a great organization. The men and women of the LFPD have been incredibly welcoming, patient, and most importantly extremely willing to share their wealth of knowledge. For that I thank them and because of such an extraordinary organization I am proud to say I volunteer for the LFPD!

I know I'll be there when the Livermore community needs me! Will you be there?

