

Meet the Member: Lloyd Schott
courtesy Lloyd Schott

In 2014, Lloyd joined LFPD after a move back to Northern Colorado. He's a Fort Collins native, born at PVH and raised on a family farm in Waverly, just south of Owl Canyon Road. He attended Waverly Elem., CLP Jr. High, Poudre High School and CSU where he earned a BS degree in Industrial Arts, a Colorado Teaching Certificate and Master of Education degree in Vocational Ed. He retired from a 35-year career in the Lakewood Colorado area instructing Auto Mechanics at Red Rocks Community College and at the Career/Technical Education Center for Jefferson County Public Schools. Lloyd was awarded the Colorado "Vocational Educator of the Year" in 1989.

Lloyd joined the Livermore Fire dept because he believed that he could make a difference to the under-funded all-volunteer department if he used his skills in automotive and equipment repair to help keep the fleet of LFPD Fire trucks and equipment operational. The next thing he knew, Lloyd wound up earning his EMT and Wildland Firefighter certifications. Giving back to the community has always been what he feels is imperative to do.

A young Lloyd learned the dangers associated with small wildfires in grass and pasture land. He recounted his first firefighting experiences while



burning irrigation ditches with his father on the family farm. "The high-tech equipment we used if the fire got out of hand was only a shovel and a 5-gallon bucket full of water with a soaked burlap sack". Lloyd is very appreciative of the excellent ongoing LFPD Wildland Training programs that helped him develop firefighting skills and to understand wildfire behavior on a much deeper level. Plus, now he gets to use REAL firefighting equipment!

Lloyd stated that his most memorable LFPD experience was the first big fire he was deployed to. It was at a local ranch, and the fire was likely sparked by wind-whipped power lines. Lloyd recalls that nearly every piece of LFPD apparatus

and every available LFPD volunteer were fighting this fire. Glacier View and Poudre Canyon Fire depts. arrived also to provide aid. Lloyd recalls the urgency to continuously provide a sufficient water supply to the fire trucks to extinguish the fire. He also remembers the eerie unpredictability of the fire and the camaraderie of the firefighting crews. After battling all night, a historic barn, two historic houses and all but one residence were spared, and no one was injured.

He enjoys being a member of LFPD, working alongside other dedicated and compassionate volunteers. Lloyd now serves as Apparatus Captain, doing minor repairs to equipment, fabricating metal components, and overseeing apparatus maintenance. His wife of 45 years, Julie, is a longtime member of the LFPD Logistics Team and has written and managed numerous grants to secure funding for LFPD to expand Station 1 and purchase firefighting apparatus and equipment. (Karyn Coppinger is outstanding as the LFPD Grants Manager currently).

Hobbies include restoring antique farm tractors and doing home/property maintenance that includes wildfire mitigation. Lloyd and Julie appreciate the wildlife and the slower quiet pace that residing in Livermore has to offer. He and Julie are parents of two successful, grown, married sons. They also have one baby grandson and an exuberant Border Collie.

First Aid For Snake Bites

by Joel Funk, LFPD Assistant Chief- Medical, NREMT-B,

Among the things that return in springtime are snakes. Most snakes are not venomous, but rattlesnakes are common in our area, and a bite can be a life-threatening emergency.

Think about safety first. Snakes usually won't bite unless they are surprised or threatened. Be aware of places that you might encounter them (tall grass, rocks) so that you will have a better chance of seeing them before they see you. Don't step or reach into any spot you can't see clearly. If you see a snake, move away calmly and slowly.

If A Snakebite Occurs, Here's What To Do:

- Stay calm, and get safely away from the snake. The less the victim moves, the less likely the venom will spread and cause damage. Have the victim lie down, with the bitten area lower than the heart. Keep the bitten area still and avoid exertion.
- Unless you are ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE that the snake is not venomous, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY and seek medical attention ASAP.
- Don't try to capture the snake, but take note of its appearance so you can describe it to emergency medical responders.
- The area around the bite will probably swell, so remove any jewelry, watches, shoes or



other items that could bind.

- Wash the bite wound gently, then cover it loosely with a clean, dry dressing.
- Keep the victim warm.
- Watch for signs of an allergic reaction or anaphylactic shock, such as hives, wheezing, difficulty breathing or altered mental status. Let emergency medical responders know immediately if any of these occur.

Just as important, there are several things you should NOT do. TV and movies sometimes provide misinformation about first aid for snakebites. Medical research shows that these actions can make the situation worse.

DON'T:

- Cut the bite wound, or try to remove venom.
- Don't apply a tourniquet or ice.
- Don't give the victim caffeinated or alcoholic beverages

The Foundation Needs Your Help

By Deborah Shafer, Foundation President

We are undoubtedly grateful to the men and women of the Livermore Fire Protection District. The all-volunteer fire and rescue team drops everything and comes to your aid when paged. They are our friends and neighbors, who selflessly give their time and energy to become trained and certified to respond to all wildland fires, structure fires, vehicle accidents, and medical emergencies in one of Colorado's largest and busiest rural fire districts.

The LFPD Foundation is an auxiliary organization that raises funds to support our fire and rescue teams so that they can continue to receive the latest training, maintain apparatus and facilities and keep our men and women safe with the appropriate supplies when fighting the fires that threaten our homes.

When fire suppression operations require multiple shifts and/or days from our firefighters, supplies are needed near the fire site to seamlessly continue firefighting operations and provide firefighter replenishment. With limited personnel and time in the face of a persistent blaze, firefighters must be able to devote their time and energy to continual fire suppression. Returning to the station to restock equipment and replenishments disrupts their mission.

The Foundation has set a goal to raise



\$25,000 to purchase and stock an on-site trailer. Not only will it house all the needed equipment for fire suppression but it will provide a centralized on-site command and control center. You can make a tax-deductible donation to make this on-site incident trailer a reality. To make a donation, please go to our website, LFPDFoundation.org and select "Donate Now" or, send a check payable to the LFPD Foundation, PO Box 141, Livermore CO 80536.

Another way to help support the LFPD Foundation efforts is to make "Livermore Fire Protection District Foundation" your recipient via the King Soopers Community Rewards program, <https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards>.



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LCH News

So much has happened at the Livermore Community Hall this past year. Larimer County awarded a grant to increase handicap access to this historic building and provided funding to replace the roof. A successful fundraiser, selling custom engraved bricks, generated the dollars needed to replace the gate that was destroyed in a hit and run. The personalized bricks will be incorporated into a sidewalk linking the front entrance and the new lift addition. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to these efforts.

On the horizon, we have the Crystal Swing Jazz Band July 15, and the Livermore Summer Celebration Aug. 19, which will include our World Famous, in Livermore Colorado, Cow Patty Bingo. The LHC has also been designated as a Community Emergency Preparedness Hub in partnership with the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management.



Looking For A Rewarding Way To Get Involved In Your Community?

by Wanda Pomeroy

Getting involved with your local volunteer fire department is one of the most rewarding ways to make a positive contribution to your community. LFPD is one of the larger fire districts in the state covering about 322 square miles. LFPD currently has 25 response members who respond to calls (fire, medical, accidents, and more) when available, 9 auxiliary members who form the Logistics group, and a 7 position Board of Directors. We have a great team, yet there is a need for more responders, especially in the Virginia Dale and Red Mountain areas. There are so many personal rewards in volunteering with a



fire department. In the end, you will find that it is not who stands in front of you, it's who stands beside you. Much has been said about the brother/sisterhood found in fire departments, and it is real. Being a member is so much more than being "just a volunteer".

If you are interested in joining our team, there are many ways to be involved. Basic information on becoming a responder can be found in the "Training" article in this newsletter. If your talents are directed more toward the logistics/auxiliary group, please let us know. You can contact us and /or find more information on our website, Livermorefire.org

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