



# Smoke Signals Newsletter

Lockwood Fire Protection District

Limited Edition June 2018

## VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED!

Volunteer Firefighters, men and women just like you provide an extremely valuable service to their family and friends when they need it most. If it were not for the sacrifices of these fine individuals many calls for help could go unanswered and many lives could be lost. Since 1980 the Lockwood Fire Protection District has relied heavily on Volunteers to provide the highest level of Fire & Emergency Medical Services to residents of the District and surrounding communities. The Lockwood Fire Protection District is experiencing a significant shortage of Volunteer Firefighters and we are in desperate need of Volunteer Firefighters. See below for the requirements and general information about the program:

**Minimum Requirements: 18 years old with a valid California Driver's License**

**Training Schedule:** All required training will be provided at no cost and weekly trainings occur weekly 6pm on Thursdays at Fire Station 151

**Reimbursement & Paid Stipend Shifts:** Volunteer FFs are reimbursed for responding to calls, working duty shifts at the station, and for attending weekly trainings.

**Emergency Calls: The LFPD runs approximately 200 calls for service annually**

Please join us now and help carry on the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor!!  
Contact Battalion Chief, Charlie Blankenheim at 530-708-2713 for more information.

Due to popular demand, the Smoke Signals has returned. But we need YOUR HELP. To help keep costs down we will be placing future issues of the Smoke Signals in the boxes spread around the district. If you have mobility issues and prefer a mailed copy, please e-mail us at [info@lockwoodfire.org](mailto:info@lockwoodfire.org) or call us at 209-296-6868. Leave your name, phone number and mailing address. Information is always available on our web site at <http://www.lockwoodfire.org>

## POLLING PLACE CHANGE

Please be aware that your polling place may have changed. If you normally vote at Station #151, 23141 Shake Ridge Road, your polling place for the upcoming June 5 Primary election is Lockwood Fire Station #152 at 19715 Shake Ridge, at the corner of Hale Road.

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The Lockwood Board is focused on providing the best possible fire and emergency service to the residents in the Lockwood Fire Protection District. We recently contracted with Cal Fire to provide 24 hour, 7 day a week service to the Community. Partnering with Cal Fire has been working out very well, response times are at or better than the national rural average of 14.54 minutes. Cal Fire has inspected all of our vehicles to ensure they are in top condition, and they have started outreach to attract and train volunteers for Lockwood. In addition to providing essential emergency services, Lockwood is working to enhance our main station 151 to make it a community gathering place and command center if needed for emergencies. See the information below from the Build-out committee for more details. Another service being offered again this year is the green waste bin at Station 151. We encourage you to take advantage of this free service to reduce the fuel load on your property. This summer we hope to be able to offer a free garbage clean-up day at Station 151, stay tuned for an announcement in the future. Our hard working Lockwood Auxiliary group has already put on two fun events this year, and the annual Pancake Breakfast is happening June 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any ideas for performers for a summer concert let us know. E-mail [info@lockwoodfire.org](mailto:info@lockwoodfire.org) or call the Station at 296-5122 and leave a message. Thanks for your support of our local fire department!  
Jan Hewitt, President of the Board

## BUILDING COMMITTEE PLAN FOR STATION 151

With Fire Apparatus housed in the back bay and ready for response, consistent with the long standing District Policy of "encouraging the use of its facilities for community purposes" the Committee is pursuing improvement of Station 151 toward that end as follows: construction of a second restroom, installation of thermal windows, inclusion of a moderate kitchen facility with sink, stove, microwave and refrigerator, removal of the rolling doors to be replaced by a wall with an ADA accessible entry door, improvement of the floor surface, and provision of Board/Agency meeting space. This remodel will also include new paint to both the inside and the outside of the building in our effort to provide much needed updates to our station. Additional input both pro and con is encouraged. Please e-mail the Building Committee at [info@lockwoodfire.org](mailto:info@lockwoodfire.org) . Kelly McGee, JoAnne McLaughlin

**Got an idea? A comment?  
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Station #151 23141 Shake Ridge Rd - Station #2 19715 Shake Ridge Rd



## COOPERATIVE FIRE PROTECTION

In a State, as large and populated as California, no single emergency response agency can do it all. That is why cooperative efforts via contracts and agreements between state, federal and local agencies are essential in response to emergencies like wildland and structure fires, floods, earthquakes, hazardous material spills, and medical aids.

Since the 1940s, local government entities such as Lockwood Fire Protection District have contracted with CAL FIRE to provide many forms of emergency services for their communities. CAL FIRE provides full-service fire protection to many of the citizens of California through the administration of 145 cooperative fire protection agreements in 33 of the State's 58 counties, 30 cities, 32 fire districts and 25 other special districts and service areas. As a full-service fire department CAL FIRE responds to wildland fires, structure fires, floods, hazardous material spills, swift water rescues, civil disturbances, earthquakes, and medical emergencies of all kinds. Local governments utilize this diversity and experience through their contracts and agreements with the Department.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, the Lockwood Fire Protection District entered a cooperative fire protection agreement known as the "Amador Plan" with the CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit. Under this agreement, the CAL FIRE Amador El Dorado Unit staffs a Fire Engine 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year around to serve the residents and the surrounding areas of the Lockwood Fire Protection District with emergency response to medical aides, traffic accidents, structure fires, hazardous materials spills, over the bank rescues, and wildland fires.

The Amador Plan is a cost sharing agreement in which Lockwood Fire Protection District pays a portion of the personnel costs which will keep the Dew Drop Fire Station 10 staffed during the winter months when CAL FIRE might normally down staff due to the decreased threat of wildfires. The agreement is mutually beneficial as it provides additional staffing in the winter months allowing CAL FIRE to continue working on Fuel Reduction and other fire prevention projects in the Lockwood Fire Protection District and surrounding areas.

In addition to providing 24/7 emergency response to the Lockwood Fire Protection District and surrounding community, CAL FIRE assist with Chief Officer duties and the recruitment and training of Lockwood Fire Protection District Volunteer Firefighters. CAL FIRE also assists with facility and apparatus maintenance.

## ALL ABOUT THE AUXILIARY

The LFPD Auxiliary was formed in 1980 with its main purpose "to help our volunteer firefighters with extra money through fundraisers" such as our annual Pancake Breakfast... held this June 2, 2018. Funds from these types of endeavors are used for items the tax assessment doesn't cover; like water, Gatorade, turnouts (which are the protective clothing worn to a fire), various equipment, tables & chairs, etc. The Auxiliary has in the past purchased many other needed items to keep our fire fighters safe which in turn keeps our community safe.

Our fundraising/social functions include a very popular Taco de Marzo when we typically have about 100 people from our community enjoy delicious tacos and just have fun while raising money for our volunteer firefighters and EMTs. Another popular dinner is our Souper Supper in January. The past few years we have also held a Firehouse Concert in the summer with

hors d' oeuvres and dessert. Then in December we host our annual Christmas party which is funded by the LFPD Auxiliary to say thank you to our community for supporting us.

Everyone in the LFPD community is invited to be a member of the Auxiliary; we want to encourage everyone to get involved. Our meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. We have lots of fun planning our various events, and it's a good way to make new friends and support our volunteer fire fighters and EMT's. Come join us ... call Sylvia 296-5201 or Marilyn 296-8011 for information.

Did you know that Lockwood Fire Auxiliary has been lauded as THE BEST auxiliary organization in Amador County? Come be part of a great team!

**The dumpster bin for green waste at Station #151, 23141 Shake Ridge R.**  
**PLEASE NO LOGS OR BRANCHES OVER 3" IN DIAMETER**

*And absolutely NO household or electronic garbage*

**CAN I BURN TODAY? CALL 223-6246 to find out BEFORE you burn. Don't be fined.**