



Lockwood Fire Protection District - May 2022 Article - Upcountry Newsletter

The month of May is typically a transition month, what we call the shoulder season -- that period of time when we transition from winter/spring into the spring/summer and eventually full-fledged fire season. This May is no different. CALFIRE has suspended residential burn permits, and we are starting to see an uptick in wildland fires throughout the area. Please take this time to get yourself, your family, and your homes prepared. Visit our website at lockwoodfire.org for more information.

You can rest assured that your Lockwood volunteer firefighters are preparing for fire season as well. We just finished up some extensive emergency medical training and now we are focusing on sharpening our wildland firefighting skills. This includes skills such as progressive hose lays, hand-line construction, and of course, firefighter safety.

We want to say a huge *thank you* to our LFPD Auxiliary and our community for supporting our fundraising events. Thanks to the monies raised by those events, we are purchasing new firefighting nozzles, new medical "jump bags," and new flashlights that are designed to clip on to our firefighting turnout gear. These items cost a combined total of \$14,000. all of which was raised by the hard work of our auxiliary and our generous community!

Please know your donations matter, and they are used right here on equipment that directly supports your volunteer firefighters in their work to protect you, your family, your home, and our greater Lockwood community.

Finally, I want to give shout out to volunteer firefighter Rob Roe, who was recognized by the Volcano Masons this month for his dedication and commitment to the community. During the extreme weather event in December, firefighter Roe continued to respond to emergency calls helping his neighbors and community all while his own house was under siege. Firefighter Roe exemplifies what true public service is all about, and I am beyond proud to call him one of our Lockwood volunteers!

Thanks to all of the members of our community for their continuing support.

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