

Laramie County Fire District #10



Station #1: 88 Harriman Rd, Granite Canon, WY 82059
Station #2: 646 County Rd 102, Granite Canon, WY 82059

Second Annual LCFD#10 Pancake Breakfast

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Mark Your Calendars!

Your Laramie County Fire District #10 firefighters and support staff formally invite you to our Second Annual Pancake Breakfast!

Stop by the Willadsen Fire Station on December 3rd from 8:00 -11:00 a.m. to be served delicious flapjacks by our awesome firefighters and support staff.

The fire department is throwing this event at no cost to you to thank you for your ongoing support, to bring the community together, and to be able to show off our awesome fire "toys." There's no better way to start your day than with golden brown pancakes, sweet maple syrup, sausage and a hot cup of coffee!

Please visit our Fundraising Website to help us with headcount: <http://lcfid10events.org>

DATE: Saturday, December 3rd
TIME: 8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Willadsen Fire Station
646 County Rd 102, Granite Canon, WY 82059
(SW Corner of I-80 and CR102)

NOTE: There is no cost for the event, but donations are always appreciated and any and all donations will be used for water for both fire stations and all apparatus. Plus, food for fire department training and meetings.



We look forward to serving you!

Come hungry!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wanda Pomeroy at wanda.pomeroy@lcfid10.org or 307-631-3265.

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Let's talk about what to do if your house catches fire or you get a reverse 911 to evacuate:



No one likes to talk about "what if" my house starts on fire or "what if" I get a reverse 911 to evacuate. But let's talk about preparing yourself "just in case".

Because when time is saved, lives are saved.

There is a reason I'm bringing this up with the community. Our department recently provided Mutual Aid to Livermore Fire Protection District (just over the border from Harriman in

Colorado). We provided support on a house fire, which in the end was a total loss.

Many of us on the Colorado side received a reverse 911 to evacuate. It was a very unnerving for many of the residence.

Document Your Property

Our homes are filled with personal treasurers and expensive items. Having to remember every single item in your house could be a very difficult, if not impossible task, after a major loss. An inventory list is a good place to start. But a home inventory video along with your inventory list can serve as a valuable visual record in case you need to make a claim. It is a good idea to video or photo each room in your home along with descriptions and receipts if applicable to value.



If you contact your homeowner’s insurance company, they will most likely have a “Home Inventory Checklist” you can use to inventory your home.

Evacuation Process:

After this incident, my wife and I talked to many neighbors who were frantically trying to gather important items and get out the door. For many, it made them realize they don’t have an organized plan for evacuating.

My wife and I have one location for important documents and other items. But this event made me revisit my “stash” and I found I needed to add a few more things. But the point is, it’s all in one place. Easy and quick to grab.

Here's a short list of items to think about organizing in case you must ever evacuate quickly:

1. Wallet and/or purse
2. Prescription glasses
3. Infant formula and diapers
4. Cash and change
5. Keys (car, house, RV, etc.)
6. Cell phone, charger, extra battery pack
7. Medications
8. Medical devices (CPAP, Cane, etc.)
9. Glasses
10. Laptop & charger
11. Emergency Folder (Passport, birth certificates, insurance, wills, etc.)
12. Shoes & weather appropriate clothes
13. Your pet & supplies (food, leashes, medicine)
14. Have a crate or box nearby to gather and carry these items.

You can find a lot of ideas on www.ready.gov and tailor them to your own personal situation.

Make a Plan

To review the “Practice Your Home Fire Escape Plan” to go:

<https://www.ready.gov/home-fire-escape-plan>

It’s just easier to take a little bit of time to prepare than to wait until you have an emergency.

SNOW AND VEHICLES

Most of us that live out here know how to stock up on food and essentials for the home. But when it comes to our vehicle, putting together a winter survival kit or preparing our vehicle for winter months sometimes doesn’t cross our minds until we are stuck in a snow drift!

Some simple safety tips I have found from living out here for so many years is to keep your vehicle in good working order:

1. Get your oil changed on schedule. This allows your mechanic to check fluid levels.
2. Have your breaks checked.
3. Snow tires with good tread.
4. Visit the gas station before coming so you don't run out of gas coming home or while you are alongside of the road.
5. ***And if you get stuck, always make sure your tail pipe is clear of snow.***

Below is a simple list that may keep you safe and warm should you ever have to sit in your vehicle in a snowdrift waiting for a tow truck or emergency help when needed. Somethings may seem a little extreme, but they are easy to obtain and hopefully you never have to use them – but they may be lifesaving.

Here's an example Emergency Kit:

1. Tow rope
2. Jumper cables
3. Small tool kit
4. Spare tire (most of us already have one)
5. Flares / reflective triangle
6. Whistle to signal for help
7. Cell phone car charger
8. Flashlight & extra batteries
9. Bag of cat litter for tire traction
10. Windshield ice scraper
11. Small shovel
12. Blanket
13. Extra winter clothing (i.e., GLOVES, COAT, BOOTS, HAT)
14. Energy bars
15. Bottled water
16. Small first aid kit

I even know folks who keep an extra dose of medication with them just in case it is needed.

I think the biggest piece of advice when you find yourself in an emergency situation is this: **If you call for help, stay in your vehicle.** Don't ever take off walking. We will get to you quicker if you stay put. We don't want to turn a rescue into a search.

Wishing you all good health and safety!

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Is there
 a **FIRE** in
 you?

**Become a volunteer
 firefighter today.**



**What is it really like being a
 volunteer firefighter?**

(Hint: It's not what you think)

When I was first asked to join the fire department as a volunteer firefighter, my response was an emphatic no! When asked why, I explained that I was not that type of guy and you would never find me running into a burning building. I said that I would be happy to serve as a board of director or committee member, but that firefighting was not for me. It took some convincing and a few conversations, but it was explained to me that firefighting in our area was not what I thought it was. When what the fire department actually does was explained to me and when the real need of the community was understood, I finally agreed to join the department (with many limitations)...and I fell in love with it.

Here's what I found: being a firefighter with LCFD#10 is simply helping our neighbors. I quickly learned that we mostly operate with three different emergency types. Most of our calls for service typically fall into the medical, wildland (brush fires, forest fires, etc), and traffic accident categories. What was even more eye opening is that when we respond each of our responders can play a different role and I was never pushed to do something I wasn't comfortable doing. We have some responders that mainly focus on the medical side, others who focus on the wildland side, and some who focus on structural fires. Most of us opt in to learning and training in all areas of service. Why?! Because we fall in love with helping people, responding is exciting, and the more we learn the better we can service and support our community. As my journey unfolded I found myself doing more and more to help our community.

When I finally said yes to joining the fire department, I said I would only do Wildland firefighting. I strongly stated that I was not a medical person and I was still adamant that I would not run into a burning building. Fast forward three years and I have really been bitten by the bug. Now I am medically certified, I run into burning buildings (training ones) for fun, and am now on the full time staff. Your service and journey can look however you'd like it to, but word of warning, don't be like me and say "I'll never," because as you too will see it's a lot more fun, rewarding, and exciting than what you are thinking it will be in your head. Trust me, I'll never say "never" again when it comes to the fire service.

The bottom line is that serving your community in the fire service is fun, rewarding, and impactful. The fire service is this community's greatest need. We need more people to raise their hands and say that they would be willing to help their neighbors in a time of need. I'd love to meet with or speak to you individually if you

have any questions or are ready to answer the call. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at artie.manfredi@lcf10.org or (303) 506-1914.

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"Fall Back" Reminder!



November 6th, we did that little thing called "make it dark earlier". Just a little reminder to change your batteries in your smoke detector if you haven't done so. If you need help, please let us know!

Water Use Agreement

Finding water when the fire department needs it to fight a fire is sometimes very challenging within our district due to living out like we do. And knowing where all the water resources are is a challenge also!

LCFD#10 has prepared a "Water Use Agreement" so we can post it in the county. If you have a water source, please email or call Captain Wanda Pomeroy at wanda.pomeroy@lcf10.org or 307-631-3265

It's an Ongoing Job: Prepare Your Home

Over the years, we have worked with many of you on how to prepare your home in case of wildfires. As a reminder and for those new to our community, there are many risks reduction steps that can make your home safer during a wildfire

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has a ton of great information:

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Preparing-homes-for-wildfire>



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www.lcf10.org

LCFD#10 Fundraising
Website:

<http://lcf10events.org>

ISO Letter & Information

Please find a copy of the letter from ISO to share with your insurance company at:

http://www.lcf10.org/iso_information

