

# Fully involved

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## *Bryce D. Longaker*

*August 29 1980 - February 13, 2013*

“Come here Ricky let me hold you like a baby.”

“Bryce, no!”

This usually only took the first ten minutes, give or take of a shift at 81 on B platoon. We all have our little “Bryce” sayings or antics stored in our memory some less serious than others, but, Bryce knew when to be serious and took his job seriously. Bryce had a unique passion for the job. If someone on the crew had a question, whether it was medical or fire, Bryce usually had some sort of insight to the topic and if not he was right there with you figuring it out. Bryce kept you on your toes and kept the day lively. If you needed to vent about something Bryce would listen. If you needed to laugh Bryce could make you laugh. If you needed to hear a story Bryce **always** had one to tell.

Bryce started working for Lehi Fire Department in August 2007. Shortly after his start in Lehi, Bryce was hired first part-time with Midvale Fire Department, and then became full-time. During his employment with Midvale Fire, he became a Paramedic. Within a few years’ time, Midvale transitioned their fire department to Unified Fire Authority where Bryce continued to work. Just this past year Bryce earned a degree from Utah Valley University in Emergency

Management. This is just a short time line of Bryce’s fire career, not to mention the service he gave to our country with his years in the United States Air Force, and the many people Bryce helped and made a difference with along the way.

Bryce, if for some strange reason you are still reading these newsletters, I have a question for you...How did you know me?!?!?





**Captain Robert Stanley**

## LOCAL 4862 Update

The 8th Annual Utah Fire Caucus Luncheon was held February 11, 2013 on Capitol Hill in the Hall of Governors, under the Rotunda. Several members of the Professional Firefighters of Lehi, Lehi Fire Department Administration and over 100 firefighters from departments around the state took part in the event. 83 of the 104 state legislators were in attendance along with Governor Herbert and Lieutenant Governor Greg Bell.

The luncheon began with a flag ceremony performed by an honor guard comprised of members from several departments. Firefighters from Oak City Volunteer Fire Department who were seriously burned last summer were honored. Governor Herbert took a few minutes to thank all the firefighters throughout for their service not only on last year's wild-fire, but for the services we provide on a daily basis throughout the year.

It seemed as though all the legislators that attended were excited to meet with constituents from their respective districts. Great effort was taken to create an atmosphere that made all attending dignitaries feel comfortable.

Chief Ekins and I had the opportunity to meet with one of our House Representative, Jacob Anderegg. We were able to discuss our fire department and address a few of his questions about us. It was also an excellent time for us to open a dialogue about proposed legislation that affects the safety of our community and firefighters. Representative Anderegg seemed to be receptive to our needs and offered his support.

Chief Howard was able to visit with Senator Mark Madsen. Senator Madsen had several questions regarding statewide wildland firefighting practices. He was able to give the senator an informed perspective from the fire department's point of view.

Highlights of a small number of the pending legislation that was discussed between the representatives and firefighters were:

- HB-30 LINE OF DUTY DEATH AND DISABILTIY AMENDMENTS. This bill expands coverage in the area of training and strenuous activities for firefighters and law enforcement officers. Currently the laws states you or your family are only entitled to benefits if you are disabled or killed while preforming duties on a call.
- HB-102 ARSON PENALTIES AMENDMENT. This bill would increase the penalties for repeat arson offenders.
- HB-289 FIREWORKS AMENDMENTS. This bill expands the area where firework may be restricted. It allows for the local legislative body to make these restrictions.

For a more detailed description of the many bills that may have an effect on you as a firefighter or a citizen of Utah, visit [www.pffu.org](http://www.pffu.org).

As in past years it was a success. Anytime we have the opportunity to sit down and discuss issues with our law makers whether they be local, state or federal, we need to seize it and make sure we leave them informed and with a positive perception of our profession.

# Ice Rescue Training

In conjunction with Saratoga Springs Fire Department, Lehi Fire Department personnel are in the process of completing Ice Rescue Technician certification training. Ice and/or Water Rescue Operations are low frequency / high risk events. Training levels are being established to comply with nationally recognized standards such as NFPA 1670, to enhance the credibility and professionalism of our training and operations, and most importantly to help ensure a safe and effective ice or water rescue operations mission can be completed by LFD members.



**Captain Jake Beck**

While not traditionally thought of as a firefighter skill, it's an important one - and with frozen bodies of water within our two responses districts and mutual aid districts, it's a must have. While rare compared to fire or medical calls, ice rescue takes practice and patience. Unfortunately tragedy is what fuels the hard work of training. Throughout January, February and March, LFD rescuers donned airtight, waterproof yellow suits - think Walter White in the TV show "Breaking Bad" - to practice as the victim and the rescuer.

Victims are placed in a hole in the ice and wait in the frigid water as two rescuers - one the "primary" who approaches the victim and another as "secondary" - slide out across the ice and practice rescue techniques. On shore, line tenders hold support ropes in the event the rescuers break through the ice and to haul victim and rescuer back to the shore.

This is practiced over and over, sometimes with a single victim and other times with multiple victims - both in open water and very thin ice. Thanksgiving Point, Loch Lomond (Saratoga Springs) and Talons Cove (Saratoga Springs) have all been used as training locations.



Ice/Water rescue calls in the city of Lehi are infrequent, but the possibility of one somewhere across Lehi's large geographic area - which includes Utah Lake, Jordan Willows area, Thanksgiving Point area, Pilgrims Landing area, North Lake area, Jordan River and several small streams - is always there.



The dangers associated with Ice/Water rescue make being proficient all the more important and our personnel will be ready should the need ever arise.





**Firefighter Trevor Dorton**

## Featured Call

Company 82 was dispatched by 911 to a 56 year old male for possible heart attack at Staker-Parson parking lot located at the point of the mountain. Paramedic Morley and myself arrived on scene in A-82. The patient was found by co-workers sitting in his vehicle and at our initial contact was very combative and incomprehensible. Patient was incontinent and had vomited. Paramedic Morley dodged punches and restrained the patient while we moved him to the stretcher and A-82. Pupils were pin-point, slow to react. Patient was given 2 mg narcan and 5 mg versed intranasally. Blood sugar was within normal limits. Patient slowly calmed down. Bilateral 16 gauge IV established, right and left AC. History and patient information were difficult to obtain. Patient was transported to Lone Peak ER, upon arrival we noticed a blown right pupil, report and pass off given to ER staff. Patient was RSI'd and intern Cody Whatcott was able to intubate. Hospital staff later relayed information that the CT scan revealed a massive brain bleed. Patient was transferred via helicopter to the University of Utah Hospital.

## Wildland Pack Test

We have completed the first part of our annual wildland firefighter certification training with the completion of the classroom portion. We will now move on forward with the annual physical fitness portion of the certification. All combat personnel will need to complete this testing process. That includes those that are recertifying and those that had recently completed the class in January for the first time. To keep things honest and fair there will be one tester on each platoon. Those testers are going to be: (A) Clark Clifford, (B) Jeff Smith, and (C) Shad Hatfield. All combat personnel will need to have one of these individuals monitor and record your testing time. The testing dates will be for the third week in **March, 17th - 23rd**. If you are off shift or unable to attend any of the dates, then it is your responsibility to contact one of these individuals during shift work and schedule a time to complete the process. The testing parameters are as follows:

- ◆ 1 1/2 mile run under 11:40 minutes
- ◆ 3 mile walk with a 45 lb pack under 45:00 minutes

If you have any questions contact Captain Beck or Engineer Smith.





# March Birthdays



Trevor Dorton - 3/4  
 Rick Howard - 3/15  
 Jared Carlson - 3/20  
 Tee Hover - 3/25



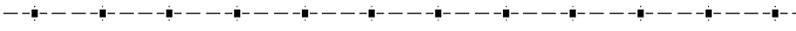
## Call Totals for the Month of February...

**Station 81**

**Fire:** 19  
**Medical:** 73  
**Total:** 92

**Station 82**

**Fire:** 26  
**Medical:** 41  
**Total:** 67



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Lehi Fire Association invites you and your Family to our

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt Celebration

Bring your Family and come have some fun.

**Where:** The Park Next to Station 82  
**When:** Saturday - April 30, 2013  
**Time:** 9:00 am - 11:00 am

# March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Wildland Refresher May Day Training	2 Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 82
3	4 Payroll	5 Firefighter Survival @ 82	6 Ice Rescue Training	7 S-212 Training CERT	8 S-212 Training	9 Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 81 & 82
10	11 Tablet PCR Training @ 82	12	13 Tablet PCR Training @ 82	14 CERT Officers Meeting Station 82 8:00am	15 Tablet PCR Training @ 82	16 Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 81 & 82 CERT
17  St. Patrick's Day	18 Payroll	19	20	21	22	23 Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op - station 81 & 82
Wildland Pack Test						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30  Association Easter Egg Hunt 9:00am-11:00am
 Easter	31					