

## Lbfd FAQ

Q. Why is there no one at the fire station?

A. We are a traditional volunteer fire department. Meaning our firefighters are out living their everyday lives just like you do. We carry pagers and radios and some rely on the fire siren to be notified of an emergency requiring our response. We then go to the station to grab equipment and head out to make a difference in someone's bad day.

Q. Does the Lbfd hold First Aid classes?

A. Not currently, but we are working with our EMS provider to establish class held 2 or 3 times per year, which is sponsored by the Fire Department for training of the public in First Aid and CPR. These should start in 2018.

Q. What can I burn in my back yard or woodstove/fire place?

A. Dry, seasoned firewood only. Because the City is an incorporated UGA (Urban Growth Area) the Olympic Regional Clear Air Agency (ORCAA) sets the regulations. Generally, all fires within the City Limits are restricted to 3ft by 3ft and 2 ft in height. For more information visit [www.orcaa.org](http://www.orcaa.org)

Q. What's with the fire siren? Why don't you just get rid of it?

A. No, the wailing siren is the City Fire Siren. It is still used to alert responders of an incident. After it being out of commission for over 9 months, We have concluded that around 20% of our regular responders are alerted by the siren. The tsunami alerting system is a much more powerful siren and will come with voice instructions after it sounds. If you feel the ground shake, that is indication to proceed to high ground immediately

Q. Does the Fire Department supply smoke detectors for free?

A. Not anymore. Once we participated in a program that offered Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors but found the demand was too low to continue it. Smoke Detectors and CO detectors can be found locally and the Fire Department may be able to provide assistance with replacing old ones or changing batteries that you purchase.

Q. Where can I get a Lock Box for my house?

A. Currently, Long Beach Commercial Security is the only lock box provider connected with the program. He can be reached at 360-642-LOCK. He mounts the box and re-keys each one to the Fire Department Key and does so for Pacific County and Ilwaco as well.

Q. Do I need an annual Fire Inspection for my business?

A. Technically the only time a fire inspection is required is for the opening of a new business or if there is a formal complaint against a business. The Fire Department recommends an annual inspection if only to keep businesses informed as to any changes to the Fire Code or if there is a change in staff that would benefit from the experience.

Q. What is the Fire Insurance Rating for the City of Long Beach?

A. The current rating for the City is 7. The City is due for a new survey in 2018.

Q. How do I volunteer?

A. Its best to stop into City Hall and speak with either the Fire Chief or City Administrator. You can pick up an application packet there and fill it out. Once you return it, your references will be checked and you will be asked to provide enough information for a national background check. Background issues or physical inabilities to perform duties will be evaluated on a case by case basis as we can only accept persons able to be considered "combat firefighters" at this time.

Additional questions can be sent to [mbonney@longbeachwa.gov](mailto:mbonney@longbeachwa.gov) or calling Long Beach City Hall at 360-642-4421.