

LPVRF Profile - Nate DaSilva

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The Loma Prieta Fire & Rescue roster contains a strong mix of older community members engaged in a variety of professional careers and younger members with aspirations of forging a career in the Fire Service or as an Emergency Medical Responder. Nate DaSilva falls squarely in the latter camp, having joined the department in January 2011 with ambitions of becoming a paid seasonal firefighter with CalFire.

Nate has lived in the Summit area for 12 years, attending C.T. English Middle School and Loma Prieta High School. In 2010, he graduated from the Fire Academy at Monterey Peninsula College, which he describes as “one of my most challenging but rewarding accomplishments.”

Even though he’s barely a year into the world of firefighting, Nate is aggressively pursuing his dream, having applied to CalFire for a seasonal position, and having recently completed the first phase of Driver-Operator training (which, when fully completed, certifies attendees to begin driving department vehicles and operating pump panels. A little further down the line, he intends to augment his medical skills by attending paramedic school.

“I have a huge passion for the Fire Service,” says Nate, “and I joined Loma Prieta Fire & Rescue primarily because I wanted to put my training and skills to use to help my community.” That passion is evident in the number of calls that Nate responds to. During 2011, he responded to 97 calls, although that number left him disappointed in one sense: “my goal was to reach 100 for my first year but I went to Arizona for Christmas, and so just missed out on reaching that number.”

Nate is picking up the pace even more in 2012, with 25 call responses in the month of January alone. And his support of the department isn’t limited to just running calls – he was also recently voted to the position of department Vice-President, a job that entails many tasks of a more administrative variety. He credits his family with enabling him to spend so much time with the department, and seeking to forge a career: “My Mom and family are extremely supportive of my involvement and I wouldn’t be able to pursue this career without them all in my corner.”

Nate’s favorite activity within the department is running code 3 calls (meaning lights and siren are employed) and putting his training to use. “If I can make a positive difference on somebody’s worst day,” he says, “then that’s even better!” His favorite activities outside of the department include surfing and anything to do with the ocean.

One final note on the depth of Nate's dedication – he recently moved next door to the Lome Prieta station in order to be able to respond to as many calls as possible!