

LPVFR Profile - Bryan Clarke

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Bryan Clarke may be familiar to you, even if you've never called the fire department. Bryan's a local, having been born and raised here, and he works at the Summit Store so you may have seen him there. Bryan's connection to the department runs deep. His father, Rick Clarke, is a past captain of Loma Prieta Volunteer Fire & Rescue, so Bryan grew up around the team.

He formally joined LPVFR in 2004 and began responding to calls in 2006. In that time he's been to quite a few incidents, but the most memorable event was one he didn't know about until he came upon it: the armored car rollover on highway 17 back in January of 2007. Bryan was driving north on 17 when he came upon the accident just a few cars in front of him. With no emergency personnel yet present he decided to act. He checked on the guards in the truck, making sure they were OK, helped put out the fire when

the first engine arrived, checked to be sure it was fully out with a thermal imaging camera, and then worked on cleaning up the spilled coins from the roadway. Most of our calls aren't nearly that interesting, and they don't usually take four hours, but this one was unique and Bryan was right there the whole time, even making the evening newscast.

When you talk with Bryan you'll discover he's an outgoing and friendly person with an easy laugh. You'll also learn he really wants to help the community, and being a part of LPVFR lets him do that. His career goals include becoming a paramedic and finding a full time job in the fire service, but he says that if his career lets him stay local he'll continue to volunteer with us too. We hope that happens.

Bryan keeps busy, but when he has some spare time he's a snowboarder, dirt bike rider, pianist, and loves several sports. The list of things he enjoys doing is quite long, in fact, so you never quite know what else he'll be interested in. Wherever you may catch Bryan, please thank him for his efforts on behalf of LPVFR and our community.