



## **ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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1/29/2024

On behalf of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors, President Ryan Bross is pleased to announce that Richard Lasky has accepted the position of Fire Chief. “Not only does Chief Lasky bring a wealth of experience, he and his wife Jami are great people that are excited to become a part of the community. We appreciate everyone that came out to meet the candidates on the 16<sup>th</sup> and cannot thank the staff and volunteers enough for all of their hard work and engagement in the process. We simply could not do it without them.”

Chief Lasky will be moving here from Texas with an anticipated start date in mid to late March.

Chief Lasky had this to say “It’s an incredible honor to serve as the next Fire Chief for the Estes Valley Fire Protection District. A fire department filled with those who have a passion to serve and who take tremendous pride in doing so. The Board of Directors, the Staff, and an absolutely incredible group of dedicated volunteer firefighters make for the perfect team. The moment you arrive there’s a sense and a feeling of community and one that places a priority on family. This is where we want to be!”



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**Rick Lasky**, a 40-plus year veteran of the fire service, served as chief of the Lewisville (TX) Fire Department for 11 years, prior to that as Fire Chief in Coeur d'Alene Idaho. Rick followed in his father's footsteps beginning his career as a firefighter in the suburbs on the southwest side of Chicago and has been a line firefighter, firefighter-paramedic, company grade officer, training officer and command-level officer and currently serves as Lieutenant/Training Officer with the Wichita West (TX) Volunteer Fire Department.

While in Illinois he received the 1996 International Society of Fire Service Instructors "Innovator of the Year" award for his part in developing the "Saving Our Own" program, a program designed to teach firefighters how to save firefighters that have become trapped or lost in a burning building. Throughout his 40-plus years in the fire service he has served as a career and volunteer firefighter. Rick is a long-standing editorial advisory board member for *Fire Engineering Magazine*, serves on the FDIC International advisory board and as an author has written over 200 technical articles that have been published in national fire-rescue journals. These magazine articles relate to fire department operations, administration, training and safety. He is the author of the best-selling books "*Pride and Ownership-A Firefighter's Love of the Job*" and "*Five Alarm Leadership: From the Firehouse to the Fireground*" published by *Fire Engineering Books* and is the co-host for the podcast "The Command Post" heard on [FireEngineering.com](http://FireEngineering.com) as well as the podcast "Old School."

Rick has also served as a police officer and was wounded on several occasions, once while defending a victim of family violence and has received numerous fire and police awards and commendations. He was also honored in 2011 as an inductee into the Chicago Softball Hall of Fame. He is a Lewisville Honorary Police Officer and Honorary Battalion Commander in the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the FDNY. In 2017, he was the recipient of the Tom Brennan Lifetime Achievement Award.

Rick lectures at the local, state, national and international levels and is a sought-after speaker by both the public and private sectors. He is married to his best friend Jami and they have two children Rick and Emily.

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