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In honor of “El Dorado County EMS Week,” the Lake Valley Fire Protection District (LVFPD) is proud to announce Dusty LaChapelle as the District’s Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year.

Dusty LaChapelle is a South Lake Tahoe native who has been involved in the fire service since the year 2000. He began his career with CalFire as a seasonal firefighter and then transitioned to Pioneer Fire as a firefighter/paramedic where he was quickly promoted to Captain. After eight years with Pioneer Fire, Dusty returned to South Lake Tahoe to work as a firefighter/paramedic with LVFPD in 2013. He chose to return to South Lake Tahoe with his wife, Megan, to raise their two small children in the place he is happy to call home. Both Dusty and Megan, a nurse at Barton Memorial Hospital, are active members of the community and proud to serve area residents and visitors alike.

As a member of the LVFPD, Dusty has embraced the District’s mission and values. He constantly strives to “Do the Right Thing” and works tirelessly to help those around him. Please join the Lake Valley Fire Protection District in thanking Dusty LaChapelle in his selflessness and dedication to keeping our community safe.