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NEGOTIATIONS REACH IMPASSE BETWEEN LIVERMORE- PLEASANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE FIGHTERS UNION

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Offer of 12.5% Pay Increase Over 3.5 Year Contract for Firefighter-Paramedics, 10.5% General Wage Increases for All Other Union Members, Improved Working Conditions, Benefits Rejected by Fire Fighters Union

[LPFD Creates Website with Labor Information for Citizens](#)

After eight months of contract negotiations, the Fire Fighters Local 1974 formally declared impasse on March 1, rejecting the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department's offer of a 12.5 % pay increase over the 3.5-year contract for Firefighter-Paramedics, a 10.5% general wage increase for everyone else, plus improved benefits and working conditions.

“A primary sticking point has been the Union’s rejection of a proposed drug testing policy – a proposal made after the Union earlier objected to the department drug testing a fire captain, who ended up testing positive for cocaine while on duty. This is a huge safety priority for both cities, and we are urging the Union to partner with us to implement a meaningful, clear, and impactful policy,” said Art Hartinger, the chief negotiator retained by the department in these negotiations.

To ensure the public is informed and updated on developments, the department has created a web portal for interested citizens to view the specific positions of the parties. It can be accessed at www.LPFDLaborUpdates.com

“We are committed to ensure that our firefighters remain well equipped, well trained, and well paid. We think our proposal meets these objectives,” said Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts.

The [Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department](#) is a joint powers authority funded and overseen by the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton.

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