



Fire Department Monthly Progress Report

Meeting Date: October 17, 2019

A Job Well Done!

As we all know the Community was significantly hit hard by the recent PG&E Safety Electrical shutdown. The Fire District and Fire Station were no less impacted.

Through power, phone, internet outages, along with equipment failures our personnel, through herculean efforts kept Fire and Emergency Services operational. We worked diligently to provide the Community timely information through social media websites, we established a remote phone information message that was off site and not hindered by the power outage. The Support Group provided invaluable service by setting up and operating a Community Resource Center. Staffed from 8:00am to 8:00pm. The Support Group checked on our Special Needs community members, provided residents a safe refuge, a place to charge cellphone batteries or to sit down and have a cup of coffee. Cases of water that were donated to the Fire District were made available to those in need. Our fire personnel patrolled the streets of the community throughout the nights and responded to emergencies, providing Advanced Life Support Medical Care to patients with the use of flashlights.

Personnel :

In recent week's we have been able to expand the depth of our staffing cadre. We have brought into the Fire District, a group of highly experienced and knowledgeable individuals. These members will be taking on the responsibility of assisting the Fire District to be fully compliant under laws and standards that regulate the California Fire Service.

- We are in the process of an operational Chain of Command re-organization. We will be establishing new positions and sunseting others.
 - Chiefs' Nugent and Hern have been promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief. Chief Nugent will assist me in Operational Administrative Oversight. Chief Hern, Will continue his assignment as Chief of Volunteer Operations.
 - Mark Schwegler was awarded the rank of Battalion Chief and was appointed oversight of the Training and Support Division. Chief Schwegler has a long-distinguished history in the Fire Service and brings a high level of personnel and incident management. Chief Schwegler's position in this Fire District has already reaped considerable progress.
- We are continuing the development and standardization of our hiring process. This includes Volunteer Recruitment. We will open Volunteer Recruitment by the end of this

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- We continue to see an average of 2-3 development projects a month with regards to plans reviews and requests for information.
- 2019 California Fire Code Review has been completed by the El Dorado County Fire Prevention Officers Association. This has been a 5 month process and the culmination of about 400 hours of work and commitment made by Fire Prevention members of all County Fire Districts including Assistant Chief Nugent. Assistant Chief Nugent's representation of the Mosquito Fire Protection District on this committee has provided a voice that historically we have not had and has allowed the MFPD a participatory presence in the development of county wide of Fire Prevention Resolutions that will assist greatly in the mitigation of life and fire safety risk and an increase of safety awareness. Assistant Chief Nugent was integral in developing County wide Fire Codes that provide for an increase in Fire Safety with a minimal fiscal impact on the residents of this community.
- Assistant Chief Nugent continues to move forward with the development of Fee schedule.

- PUBLIC SAFETY AND EDUCATION

Public Information Officer Johnny Valenzuela will be working to help build and promote an education module for our residents which will include topics ranging from Emergency Preparedness to First Aid and CPR.

Through continued to cooperation with the Mosquito Firesafe Council and the Mosquito Fire Protection District will be creating more community events which will allow the public to have increased access to the council so they can be educated an exposed to the great resources which are available to them.

Operations Report:

- IMT/Strike Team/Special Assignments

October 5th with the lifting of the Red Flag Weather with increasing humidity recovery in the overnight hours the decision was made to deploy WT75 to the Caples Lake Fire. Our personnel were on the line for 24 hours retuning early afternoon Sunday October 6.

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month, which will include an application and interview process with a physical abilities test to be held in December.

- Captain Ryan Purves started Paramedic School October 15. We wish him well with great expectations for his success. Battalion Chief Schwegler and Captain Purves will work alternating shifts to ensure that there is a continued strong command presence

Finance:

- Special thanks to **Director Schnell** for his ongoing work and success with our grant awards. We have been awarded two grants this last month.

- **Awarded the AFG Grant.**

The amount awarded was 177k for Personnel Training. We are working with FEMA to identify ways that we can modify the award to cover items needed. This grant has a matching requirement of \$5,000/8,000.

- **Awarded the SAFER Grant.** The safer grant was fully awarded for just under the amount of 700k. This grant is for the recruitment and retention of volunteer and career personnel and has no matching requirements.
- We are current building a model that includes an overall process for how we are going to allocate the funds towards our recruitment, retention and training efforts.
- **Department Training and Safety:**
- Chief Schwegler in accordance to NFPA, CALOSHA and the California Division of Fire Training/Fire Marshal's Office is in the process of implementing our 2019/2020 training program. This will include targeting our required state and federal mandated training, implementation of a new target solutions tracking and assignment process a Readiness assessment to identify immediate needs and a career development path for our Career and Volunteer personnel.

Community Risk Reduction:

- PREVENTION

Firefighter Morgan Lugo has been assigned to the role of Fire Prevention Officer. FPO Lugo will be taking on code enforcement and compliancy duties as they relate to our district needs and will begin attending the EDC Fire Prevention Officers meetings representing our agency on a monthly basis.

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Recruitment & Retention:

Beginning discussions about the 2020 volunteer firefighter academy with Chief Dennis of Georgetown. We are looking for a partnership in the academy in exchange for lower costs and bringing resources to the table.

Continuing to build team morale through active participation and pride in ownership. We have completed the process of creating station program assignments for each personnel member. Each person has ownership to a specific program, and is in the process of getting their program off the ground.

Logistics:

- Facilities needs are being assessed from workstations to building repairs. We will be prioritizing each project and seeking out the best course of action.
- **Futures Program / Cadet Program:** *By Chris Dillender*
- Ongoing work with Scott Bryant @ Allied Insurance to get the final recommendations necessary to launch a recruitment process for more explorers.
- Working with Chief Schwegler to create the 2019/2020 training calendar for the explorers

Fire Chief's Association/El Dorado County JPA and LAFCO:

- The JPA and Fire Chiefs Association have changed their meeting schedules to once quarterly. The next meeting will be held this month on October 23rd.
- There will be a LAFCO Meeting, 5:30pm October 23rd, in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 330 Fair Lane.