



MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Chief's Report

January 2021

Calls for Service: January 1- January 21

Fires: 0

Medical: 3

Vehicle Accident: 1

Electrical Hazard-Power line: 1

Public Assist: 2

Personnel Update:

Tuesday night training resumed on 1/19, after the Governor eased restrictions for the Sacramento Region. We will continue to use strict precautions, including masks, distancing, and temperature checks. The recent training night introduced the newly acquired Scott breathing apparatus. Staff will go through an organized and documented familiarization program. Once completed the breathing apparatus will be placed on the engines. The existing Drager breathing apparatus will be shipped to the vendor. We will receive a payment for the trade-in, which will offset the cost of the breathing apparatus by approximately two thousand dollars.

The Volunteer Firefighter Academy is in its second week, with the class going through advanced first aid/CPR certification. I posted an in-depth review of the Academy, on social media, which highlighted our local volunteers who have made the commitment to serve to this community. Please let me know if you have not seen the review and I will email it to you or check out our Facebook and Next Door sites.

I have made an official request through County EMS to recognize our District as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider. It is important that Captain Purves can use his paramedic skills while on duty, along with other staff we may bring on. We have a volunteer firefighter just completing medic school, under our FEMA grant, and two more paramedics who are being brought aboard as part-time paid staff. We are in the process of compiling a list of ALS medications and equipment, which have expired since our ALS program was operational in 2019. The current cost estimate is approximately \$5,000 but all equipment or medication nearing expiration would be rotated through the Georgetown Fire District (Medic 61) to assure our supplies are always compliant. Any medical equipment or medications used at the scene of an emergency is immediately replaced through the medic ambulance transporting the patient. I am working with Director Warner to locate the money for purchase within our existing budget.

Seven of our District emergency responders have received Round 1 of the Moderna vaccine with Round 2 in early February. I will be taking names of other District members, including Support Group, Admin and Fire Board, who wish to receive the vaccine. We are not certain how many doses will be available, but we have been asked to submit a roster to the County.

OES Type 6 Update:

Due to the pandemic, OES is experiencing delays in processing the Type 6 contract, when after adoption by the Board, we can get the truck. Our OES representative told me they do not expect the contract to be completed until February or March. We will continue with our training schedule and be ready to put the engine in service as soon as possible.

Fire Station:

The blue oak tree in front of the station will be removed on Saturday 1/23. A certified arborist inspected the tree. The arborist provided a report determining that the tree was in a poor state of health and a hazard to motorists and pedestrians. Based on the size, condition and hazard determination by the arborist, the tree is exempt from County permit requirements, which was confirmed in a discussion with a County Planning Department representative.

Grant Update:

The Grant Coordinator position is in progress, with application deadline Friday 1/22 at 5:00pm. Chief Chaloux is leading a group of four, including two volunteer fire officers, one paid staff captain and a fire board member, who will review applications and conduct interviews. I look forward to their recommendations and being able to start the successful candidate, as soon as possible. This position will be a major asset to our operations and our volunteer program.

The next round of FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant is now open. We are participating in regional grants with our partner Districts, for radios, pager, new breathing apparatus and more safety gear. We are also applying for our own District, extrication equipment, a replacement breathing air compressor (ours was just determined to be out of service/unsafe permanently by the service company), and a safety gear washing machine (extractor). I will review the grant in next month's report, once completed and submitted.

The District's email has successfully transitioned over to Microsoft 365 and the new web site is currently under construction. We should have a working draft of the web site within the next few weeks. The expenses for these projects are covered through our FEMA SAFER Grant.

Georgetown/Garden Valley/Pioneer/Mosquito Joint Operations Agreement (JOA):

On Monday 1/18, I attended a meeting with the fire chiefs of Georgetown and Garden Valley to discuss a number of topics, including support of the volunteer firefighter academy. Due to the number of issues, we will increase our regular meetings from one month to every two weeks. There are many topics which require close communication and coordination between the districts.

The District is seeking volunteers of all types. If you have the desire to contribute your skills and talents to help your community, we have a place for you.

This concludes my report. I will continue to update our projects and report progress. There are some exciting months ahead as we develop these programs and attract new people to the District. I appreciate the great support we receive from the Community and its commitment to being prepared. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at the fire station (626-9017) or email me at jrosevear@mfpd.us.

Jack Rosevear, Chief

