



MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Chief's Report

May-June 2021

Calls for Service: May 25-June 21

Fires: 3 (Water Tender Mutual aid to Coloma & Georgetown- Engine to Wildland Fire- Kelsey/Cancelled)

Medical: 7

Public Assist: 3

The Fire Safe Council hosted a breakfast at the Fire Station on Saturday June 19. The event was well attended, serving over 90 people. We appreciate the organization and generosity of Jerry and Karen Pullin.

Also, on June 19th the Support Group conducted annual evacuation training, deploying to various locations to assist residents with evacuation directions. Attached are the recently revised procedures and information given to residents encountered on the road during the drill.

I would like to extend our appreciation to McCauley Construction and Director James Young for the donated paving improvements to the Fire Station, including asphalt to the removed oak tree area in front of the Station.

The Station has also received an evaluation for the conversion of our station interior lights to LED, a program sponsored by PG&E. The program involves a no interest loan for the conversation, the payment being the savings from the normal PG&E bill. The details will be brought to the Board when the estimate and proposal is completed by the PG&E vendor.

We are in the process of installing two of the three water storage tanks for the strategic placement of additional water supply (in areas with no fire hydrants). One tank will be located at the end of Gravel Rd. and the other at Buckboard & Lawyer Rds. We appreciate the property owners' cooperation to place these tanks for the benefit of the community. Our ability to quickly contain a fire with adequate water supply is critically important.

We have conducted three Covid vaccination clinics between April-June, administering a total of 69 vaccinations. The Moderna vaccine was administered in a two-shot series. The clinics have gone smoothly thanks to the skill, organization, and positive attitude of our personnel. This involved staff giving vaccinations, screening paperwork, directing vehicles through the drive-thru, monitoring residents for vaccine after-effects.

Defensible space inspections are still in progress. District personnel are available seven days a week to assist residents with property inspections and fire safety information. This includes those residents who have received a violation notice from Cal Fire. Please email jrosevear@mfpd.us to schedule an inspection.

The Sheriff and Cal Fire encourage residents to sign up for the Code Red program (phone application but also for hard-wire phones, email, and other devices), to receive emergency information about fires or other emergencies to be aware of and possibly evacuate from. You can find sign-up information at: [EDSO Alert Notification](#).

The response to the South Fork Consultant's questions and request for comment on the draft Financial Section of the District's Municipal Service Report update was drafted and sent. See attached copy of the response.

Personnel Update:

Firefighter Engineer Brian Morris has been accepted to Paramedic School, beginning in August 2021. Brian will be funded by a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which will cover salary, tuition and replacement of Brian's position while he is away. The training process will take approximately one year, and Brian will return to us a certified paramedic, as Ryan Purves is now.

The District is hosting a Fire Apparatus/Pump Operation class June 21-24. The class is grant funded for District personnel with several seats opened to personnel from the Divide Departments. We will host additional classes for wildland fire training and CPR.

Summary of Current Personnel:

- 2 Full Time- Chief & Captain
- 3 Part Time- FF Engineers, Admin Assistant
- 2 Volunteers- Administration/Grants
- 9 Trained Volunteers- Asst Chief, Battalion Chief, Captain, Apparatus Operators, Firefighters
- 11 Volunteers in Training- Firefighters
- 1 Explorer
- 4 Volunteers being on boarded- Firefighters
- 1 Part Time being evaluated for on boarding- Captain
- 19 Support Group

Grant Update:

On 3/12/21 we submitted our grant request to FEMA for the SAFER program funding for staffing. If awarded, which we are hopeful, the grant would provide the ability for us to fund six full time positions for round the clock staffing for the next 3-4 years. Awards will be announced in September 2021.

Our Cal Fire 50-50 grant is currently active (\$20,000) for the purchase of wildland safety equipment. We have ordered approximately \$13,000 in safety gear and equipment, so far. We will be reimbursed for half the amount we spend. According to grant requirements we must purchase the approved equipment prior to June 30, 2021. I have submitted a grant request renewal for \$20,000 for the next fiscal year 2021/22. It identifies additional safety equipment, in anticipation of more volunteers being added over the next 6-8 months. If approved, the grant will come to the Board for review and approval.

I also submitted a grant request to the Jenny Jones Foundation through the California State Firefighters Association (CSFA). The request was for \$25,000 for the replacement of aging hose and the addition of new fire hose, which we have not been able to afford. There was quite a bit of hose which was sold for surplus last

year, without consideration of replacement. We need to add hose length capability for water supply and fire attack lines. We are currently borrowing 600 feet of fire attack double jacket hose, from Cal Fire.

We have also submitted three additional grants (2 regional, 1 District) to FEMA for various equipment. Regional grants have been requested with our sister districts for the purchase of new, state of the art breathing apparatus and updated mobile radios, portable radios and pagers. District equipment includes vehicle extrication equipment, a washing machine for contaminated safety gear and a replacement breathing air compressor.

SSD/Strike Team Invoice Update:

Attached is the latest update of invoices, breakdown of expenses and revenue generated by fire engine and SSD out of District fire deployments. We have recently received payments for incidents (SSD) of approximately \$330,000. The payment for the fire engine/crew deployments are all paid now (4 incidents). I will continue to keep the Board updated each month as payments arrive. I do not anticipate all invoices to be paid until late July. There is approximately \$130,000 remaining from the unpaid invoices.

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. Please visit our website, mfpd.us.

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