

**MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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The organization of the Mosquito Fire Protection District is unlike any other fire district

in the county. While the district has its cadre of traditional volunteer firefighters, it also

has another group of community volunteers, the Support Group. This group of 25

performs functions that, were it not for them, the firefighters would have to perform.

The Support Group is charged with the following:

Station Management - The Station Manager for an incident takes charge of the station

and grounds when the firefighters are out on a call. He/she determines what other

Support Group functions need to be staffed and assigns members to those positions.

Road Control - Controlling vehicle traffic and pedestrian flow at or near the scene of an

emergency event.

Water Supply - At a fire event the Support Group either assigns members to a hydrant

location to assist our firefighters in refilling the water tenders and engines OR they place

our mobile pumping unit (Pump 75) into service at one of our local lakes to supply water

to the water tenders and engines.

Helispot Management - Providing on-the-ground guidance necessary to assist the pilot

of a medical helicopter to safely land during a medical emergency and assist medical

personnel with transportation to the scene.

Firefighter Rehabilitation - Just what it says, making sure our firefighters in the field are

rehabilitated by providing an adequate supply of food and water and any first aid

required in order to sustain them during an emergency event.

Evacuation Assistance - Assist the Sheriff's Department in evacuating community

members who might need some help in the evacuation process.

The Support Group trains throughout the year to perform all of these functions but

rarely is there a single event so large and complex that all of the functions come into

play at the same time. The King Fire (2014) and Crozier Fire (2024) were such events.