

MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 8801 ROCK CREEK ROAD PLACERVILLE, CA 95667 (530) 626-9017 Fax (530) 626-3240

Chief's Report July-August 2021

<u>Calls for Service</u>: July 16-August 23 Fires: 1 (OES 4613 assigned to the Dixie Fire- Returned 8/18) Medical: 5 Public Assist: 1

Fire District personnel are closely monitoring the progress of the Caldor Fire Incident and are ready to respond to evacuation orders if the fire expands to threaten our community. We have recalled OES engine 4613 and its crew from the Dixie Fire to support the defense of our community and the Caldor Incident. We also have the support of our Divide Districts and other local fire agencies to provide immediate response fire engines and water tenders, if needed. While we do not anticipate the fire reaching us, we are prepared and ready to respond.

Further information regarding the fire's status and helpful resources can be found on the MFPD website (mfpd.us) and our social media platforms on Facebook and Next Door.

We encourage residents to leave the area prior to mandatory evacuation orders being issued, especially those who have special needs, children, large animals, etc. Depending on the weather pattern for the day, unsafe levels of smoke and particulates are in the air and will continue, potentially for the next two weeks or longer. For those that stay, we urge you to sign up for the Code Red Program, to receive emergency notifications in the event of evacuation. You can find sign-up information at: <u>EDSO Alert Notification</u>.

Check out our evacuation procedures at: https://mfpd.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Evac-SOP-June-21-Final.pdf.

The Finnon Lake campground is now closed through Labor Day weekend, due to the Caldor Fire and our evacuation warning status.

The Fire District is fully committed to our Community. We stand ready to assist our residents with any needs they may have, to prepare, support and provide the most up to date information. Please call us at 626-9017 or stop by the station.

Personnel Update:

Firefighter Engineer Brian Morris is currently attending paramedic school. 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 at school (until 3/16/22). After school is completed, Brian will attend clinical and field training until Fall 2022.

Summary of Current Personnel:

2 Full Time- Chief & Captain
3 Part Time- FF Engineers, Admin Assistant
3 Volunteers- Administration/Grants (1 added)
10 Trained Volunteers- Asst Chief, Battalion Chief, Captain, Apparatus Operators, Firefighters (1 professional FF added)
17 Volunteers in Training- Firefighters (5 on board completed- 2 tender operators added)
1 Explorer (1 in application)
21 Support Group (6 recently added)

Total Community Based: 37 (16 Fire/21 Support)

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.

<u>SSD/Strike Team Invoice Summary:</u> Outstanding Invoices: **\$47,165**

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, <u>www.mfpd.us</u>.

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