



MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Chief's Report

May-June 2022

Calls for Service: May 24-June 20

Fires- 0 (Great job!!)

Smoke Check- 1

Medical Aid- 4

Public Assist- 6

The Fire District hosted the Community Evacuation Drill on Saturday June 11th. The planning was extensive, as was the debrief sessions(2) and discussion about what must be considered in an actual event. The main purpose of the drill was to test our Support Group's capability to deploy in multiple areas based on a list of priorities. The main priority, according to our evacuation procedures, is to stop vehicles from accessing Rock Creek Road west of Gravel Road. Rock Creek Road is the primary access for responding fire engines. The next priority is establishing a road checkpoint on Mosquito Road at the Cutoff Road to monitor or stop traffic from accessing the bridge. During the drill, the simulated conditions included the Mosquito Bridge being closed due to maintenance. The third objective was the control and management of the Airport, for evacuees. Organized procedures at the Airport are critical to keep residents safe, in the event the Airport is impacted by fire. We gained a great deal of knowledge regarding vehicle parking, check-in process and the movement of people. It is important to have a well defined, organized procedure to turn the evacuation over to Sheriff's deputies. Finally, we tested procedures to stage large animals and park RVs awaiting escort out of the area.

We were fortunate to have interested residents participate in the drill by coming to the airport, parking, and going through a check-in process. The weather was hot, and we had a concern about the safety of the residents and Support Group personnel, so time spent outside was limited. We did have the opportunity to speak with the residents about safety issues and what we were trying to achieve. Overall, the drill was extremely valuable, and our staff is prepared for this fire season. We will have a community drill annually but will move future dates to a Saturday in May, in the hope for cooler temperatures and more residents able to attend, as compared to busy June weekends of graduations and other family events.

We will soon begin the process of planning and creating procedures for a "King Fire" scenario, which starts as a volunteer evacuation and progresses into a mandatory evacuation with threat to the Community. This is a much different scenario from an immediate fire crisis we have been training for. There is much to consider in a King Fire situation, so we will reconvene our planning team to discuss and agree on best procedures.

There is much discussion about Mosquito Road north and east into the forest, being used for evacuation. The road is passable and viable, to Georgetown, but the Sheriff's Office will not officially authorize it to be advertised as a solid consistent official evacuation route for an actual fire, due to the possibility of the fire

spotting into an evacuation route while people are present. The Sheriff will work in concert with Cal Fire to confer on using the Forest Road, on a case-by-case basis. The primary escape route for passenger vehicles (no trailers) is Mosquito Road to the Mosquito Bridge, provided the bridge is open and there is no fire impacting the area.

Our evacuation planning process coincides with the actual closure of the Mosquito Bridge starting the morning of July 5th. The bridge will be closed for routine maintenance and to accommodate the official start and preparation of the new Mosquito Bridge. The closure is scheduled for ten weeks with reopening to coincide with the beginning of the new school year. We expect many challenges and calls for service during this period, as there will be heavy equipment being transported in from Rock Creek Road and eventually the Mosquito Forest Road. More information will follow about road closures and impacts due to the new bridge construction. All road closures require two weeks' notice by the County. There will be electronic sign boards posted at strategic locations in the Community and updates through the County's website. Information, as we receive it will be transmitted through our social media and website links.

Cal Fire will be conducting random vegetation management inspections in our community soon. Inspectors will be out enforcing defensible space regulations around homes (30-100 foot clearance). The purpose of the inspections is educational, but they do have the option to issue warnings and citations. Please give us a call if you would like a safety inspection of your property.

Congratulations to Engineer Devin Hern his successful completion of EMT academy. The EMT academy involves over 160 hours of classroom in Roseville, 40 hours of homework study and 24 hours of time in the field with on duty paramedics in Stockton. This is not an easy class to get through. Students cannot miss more than 10 hours of class and cannot fail more than two major tests. All failed tests must successfully be retaken. Academy costs are approximately \$3,000, requires a background check and an extensive health screening, including full mandatory vaccinations. Our student costs were primarily underwritten by our FEMA SAFER grant. We appreciate Devin's service and commitment to our Community. Firefighter Heidi Glockner is beginning Emergency Medical Responder training (80 hour) through Sierra College Roseville and will be completed in early August.

We will continue to send volunteer firefighters to EMT, EMR, Firefighter 1 and wildland academies with our FEMA grant which lasts through the end of 2023. We will attempt to request a one year extension to the grant, but cannot apply more than a month or two before the scheduled end of the grant.

With the assistance of Assistant Chief Hern, we will host a CPR class at a date to be determined in July. The priority will be to train and certify current volunteer staff and those who submitted recent interest in the CERT training program. If there is enough interest by community members, we will host another class to accommodate everyone.

We were finally able to enroll in the CERT Train the Trainer course, hosted by FEMA in a virtual format. Chief Hern and I will complete the course in December and provide dates for the CERT basic training course, which will begin in early 2023. Residents waiting for the class can participate and train with the Support Group, which includes attendance in the July CPR class. Our current grant from the California Foundation has been extended to accommodate the delays in getting the required FEMA training course.

Our Fire District staff 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 530-626-9017 or stop by the station.

This concludes my report. I will continue to update our projects and report progress. We appreciate the great support we receive from the Community and its commitment to being prepared. This fire season will be every bit as serious and dangerous as last year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at the fire station (626-9017) or email me at jrosevear@mfpd.us.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday June 21, 28- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75- Public Welcome

Thursday June 23- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75

Thursday July 7- MVFA Monthly Board meeting- 3pm- Station 75

Saturday July 9- Support Group monthly training- 10am- Station 75

Tuesday July 5, 12, 19, 26- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75- Public Welcome

Thursday July 28- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75

Jack Rosevear, Chief