

## MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Chief's Report
July-August 2022

Calls for Service: July 21-August 22

Fires- 0

Smoke Check- 1 Medical Aid- 6

Rescue- 2 (Rock Creek Bridge)

The District continues to focus on a dangerous fire season ahead with increased staffing, training, community interaction and patrols. We are fortunate to have an alert and prepared Community. Incidents, so far, have been minor.

The Mosquito Bridge reopened on the afternoon of Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup>. The road will remain under road control while crews continue to do prep work for the construction of the new Mosquito Bridge. Shimmick Construction and County DOT would like to remind Community members using Mosquito Road to reduce speeds and use caution through the controlled construction zone. There have been reports of several near miss accidents.

Our evacuation planning group has added additional procedures for notifying the bridge construction and road control crews if a fire incident occurs which may trigger an evacuation down Mosquito Road or have an impact on the construction area. If an incident occurs during construction hours, we will have additional road control helping traffic leave southbound and limit traffic coming up to us, with the exception of emergency vehicles. Updated bridge information can be found at our website www.mfpd.us

On Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>, OES Engine 4312 responded to the McKinney Fire, in Siskiyou County, as a part of an OES task force. The crews worked for a week on fire containment and were released on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>. The deployment crew was Captain Lugo, Firefighters Elledge and Anderson. During the deployment the engine had mechanical problems and is currently in the OES repair shop. We will have OES 4613 until 4312 is repaired.

Assistant Chief Hern hosted a CPR class (8 attendees) at Station 75 on Sunday July 31. There will be another class set to train additional personnel needing the training. We appreciate Chief Hern for donating his time and expertise to keep us certified. Further information will be coming regarding the next class date.

Tuesday night trainings had special instruction in aircraft emergencies (Steve Loree & Leo Chaloux) and vehicle extrication (Brian Keith & James Young). We appreciate the enhanced training. A special thank you to Steve Loree and pilots who opened their hangers and planes to support the aircraft training and to Board Member Linnea Uggla for the donation of a vehicle to use for extrication training.

Our long-awaited station electronic sign was installed August 15-17. Many thanks to Meredith Blain for her coordination with bids, vendor selection, permits and communication. We are currently waiting for training from the vendor to access the sign controls and program messages. The sign will be officially dedicated at a ceremony before training on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm.

Devin Hern and Coleman Johns have started their Firefighter 1 academy in Sacramento. They will attend training every Friday evening and all-day Saturday with graduation in December (Firefighter 1). Between January-June, the two will be completing an internship at the Consumnes Fire Department and will earn their Firefighter 2 certification. Tuition, travel and books are provided by the FEMA SAFER grant.

Firefighter Heidi Glockner successfully completed Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training.

We are in the process of obtaining permission to purchase new vehicle extrication equipment through our FEMA SAFER grant. More information coming but we are confident we will be able to replace outdated and inadequate equipment soon. More information will be provided as we move forward.

We have obtained addressing kits for residents and have introduced the program to the Community. We located addressing kits in our storage area and will purchase more if needed with residual donated funds in a separate account. Firefighters will put together the address signs and install them at the best location at a resident's property. The initial cost of the sign will be \$35. We have already received ten requests for the signs.

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 August 23- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75- Public Welcome

Thursday August 25- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75

Tuesday- August 30- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75- Public Welcome

Thursday September 1 - MVFA Monthly Board meeting- 3pm- Station 75

Saturday September 3- First Annual Chili Cookoff- Dyer Lake 12:00-3:00pm

Tuesday September 6, 13, 20, 27- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75- Public Welcome

Saturday September 10- Monthly Support Group Training- Station 75- 10pm

Saturday September 17- Special Meeting- Final Budget Workshop- 10am- Station 75

Thursday September 22- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75