



MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Chief's Report

January-February 2022

Calls for Service: January 25-February 20

Structure Fire- 1- Rock Creek Rd

Medical Aid- 10

Escape Debris Burn- 2

Check Debris Burn- 10

Welfare Check- 1

On Tuesday February 15th at 3:49am, Mosquito units were dispatched to a structure fire in the 9400 block of Rock Creek Rd. (west of Gravel Rd.). Assistant Chief Todd Hern was the first to arrive at 3:57am to find a two-story residence with the second floor fully involved in fire. It was later determined that there was no one home at the time of the fire, although there were two vehicles parked on the property.

Mosquito firefighters were assisted by Georgetown, Garden Valley, County Fire and Diamond Springs Fire Districts. All Mosquito Fire apparatus arrived at the incident with eight firefighters (within 10-12 minutes of dispatch), supported by eight Support Group personnel, who provided traffic control, rehab for firefighters and staffed Station 75. There were no fire hydrants in the area. Water supply was provided by Water Tender 75, Engine 75 and Georgetown Tender 62.

The residence was heavily damaged by the fire, which did not spread beyond the house. The fire cause and origin are under investigation. There were no injuries.

We continue to receive calls of concern about debris burn safety. We have responded to many citizens calls for information, providing active patrol around the community to identify hazards and educate our residents about burn safety. We have been advising residents to cease from burning when it's windy. We responded to two recent incidents where the fire escaped control. There is an abundance of dead and dry material on the ground which will spread fire under the right conditions.

Please follow all burn permit requirements, which can be obtained on-line. The Fire District does not issue burn permits, which are under the jurisdiction of Cal Fire and El Dorado County Air Quality District. Burn piles 4'x 4' or smaller, obtain a burn permit at <https://burnpermit@fire.ca.gov>. For larger burn piles obtain a permit at <https://www.edcgov.us/government/airqualitymanagement/burn-permit-application>. Burn barrels are not allowed. Always call or check our website to see if it's a burn day before proceeding.

Our grant funded heart monitor was placed in service Saturday, after training and orientation by staff. The new state of the art Zoll monitor, valued at \$38,000, was acquired through a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) regional grant written by the Rescue Fire District. Besides Mosquito and Rescue FDs, Georgetown, Garden Valley, El Dorado County Fire, Cal Fire Cameron Park and Diamond Springs FDs received monitors, for a total of 20 paid for by the grant.

The new monitor replaces our older Zoll brand monitor, donated to us well used from another department. The new device has the capability as an Automatic Defibrillator, heart monitor through ECG leads, ability to monitor blood pressure and blood oxygen levels, ability to monitor adequate CPR and ventilations, ability to track patient vital sign variations, ability to capture and print ECG updates. The monitor is compatible and comparable to those used in the County's paramedic ambulances.

Through the same grant, we were provided with a new Lucas automatic battery powered CPR device, which we placed in service in January 2021.

A special thank you to the Rescue Fire District and FEMA-AFG grant program for making this important contribution to our community.

Congratulations to Trevor Dillender, who has earned the rank of volunteer firefighter, after transitioning from Explorer to Firefighter with his recent 18th birthday. Trevor has been going through training and orientation and has been cleared to work shifts as a firefighter. He is also attending a wildland fire academy two days each week for the next two months. Upon completion Trevor will be qualified to deploy with the OES engine to out of District assignments.

We continue to seek interest from the Community for those interesting in CERT training. CERT basic training consists of approximately 30 hours of basic disaster preparedness training delivered in a flexible format over several months. Those taking the training will be much better prepared for emergency and disaster situations at home and elsewhere. Additional training will be available for those who wish to expand their knowledge and become certified volunteer responders to emergency incidents. If this interests you and would like to learn more, please contact me or Fire Director Wayne Gregson (wgregson@mfpd.us).

The District is seeking volunteers of all types. If you have the desire to contribute your skills and talents to help your community, we definitely have a place for you. Please visit our website, www.mfpd.us.

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 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. 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 February 22- MFPD Firefighter Training- 5pm- Station 75

Thursday February 24- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75 (Zoom provided)

Saturday February 26- SCPOA Annual Meeting- 10am- Dyer Lake Hall

Tuesday March 1- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75
Thursday March 3- MVFA Board Meeting- 3pm- Station 75
Saturday March 5- Support Group Monthly Training- 10am- Station 75
Tuesday March 8- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75
Tuesday March 15- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75
Thursday March 17- SCPOA Monthly Meeting-6:30pm
Tuesday March 22- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75
Thursday March 24- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm at Station 75 (Zoom provided)

Jack Rosevear, Chief