



**MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
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***Chief's Report***  
***August-September 2021***

Calls for Service: August 23-September 20

Fires: 1 (OES 4613 assigned to the Caldor Fire on 9/3- Returned to Station 75 on 9/18)

Medical: 9

Vehicle Accident: 1

Smoke Check/Illegal Fire: 1

We appreciate the Community's support and cooperation during the Caldor Fire evacuation warning status, which began in the early morning hours of August 18<sup>th</sup> and was lifted on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This was an exceedingly long time of anxiety and fear about the status of the fire and if conditions developed which could change the path of the fire in our direction. The ability to put out timely information through social media greatly improved. Appreciation to Director Wayne Gregson, for his time and effort to get the word out, regardless of the day or time.

Large animal transportation was put to the test. Most horses and other large animals were moved to alternate locations during the evacuation warning process. Many thanks to Rich St. Croix and his team for the many horses and other animals they safely moved. Regardless of the need or circumstance, we have great community members who are willing to help and support.

The evacuation warning period gave us a chance to evaluate our systems and improve our ability to respond. Over 25 staff members, paid and volunteer, were willing to leave family and security to stay behind to assist community members if the evacuation was upgraded to Mandatory. Personnel were designated to implement our evacuation procedures, including road check points, assist law enforcement to safely get residents out, organize in-coming fire engines and the fire station, assist with structure protection. The level of commitment and dedication to the Community's protection, by our staff, was impressive.

An important aspect learned from the fire is the important of the Sheriff's Code Red notification system. All residents should sign up. We can help anyone who needs computer assistance to get registered. Sign-up information can be found at: [EDSO Alert Notification](#).

OES 4613 returned home on 8/18 for Community protection and was dispatched to assist with the Caldor Fire after our evacuation warning lifted on 9/2. The engine and crew spent 15 days assisting in the mop-up and containment of the fire, spending most of the time in the Tahoe area.

With the exception of the two weeks assigned back to the Fire District for community protection, the OES engine has been deployed continuously since July 15<sup>th</sup>.

The main threat of Fire Season 2021 is still upon us. Some of the most significant fires occur from late September into November. With changes in environmental conditions, it could extend longer, although we all hope for an early and substantial winter. Residents are encouraged to be diligent and avoid anything which could trigger a fire, including mowing, cutting and use of mechanical equipment around dry vegetation. The OES engine may be called to Southern California, as the height of fire season and Santa Ana winds arrive.

County and fire service officials are currently meeting to implement a strict temporary ban (remainder of fire season) similar what has been a requirement in the Tahoe area. This would prohibit all forms of open burning, including campfires and any cooking, warming, recreational, religious fires other than BBQ fueled by propane gas (there are exceptions, to be determined). Further information will be developed and distributed as soon as possible.

#### Grant Update:

We have been awarded new breathing apparatus through a regional FEMA grant with the Pioneer and Georgetown Fire Districts (\$663,000). Our Department will receive 15 new breathing apparatus, extra facemasks and spare cylinders. The grant was sponsored by the Pioneer District. There is a specification development and bid process required by FEMA, which will involve participation by the three fire districts. We hope to see the new equipment arrive in the Spring of 2022.

We are still waiting on approval of grant applications for SAFER staffing and AFG equipment grants for radios, pagers, breathing air compressor and other equipment. We are awaiting the delivery of a new heart monitors from the AFG regional grant sponsored last year by the Rescue Fire District.

#### Training Update:

Captain Lugo will be teaching the mandatory wildland firefighter course S-130 for our new volunteers in October and November (5 Saturday classes). Support Group members are also invited to attend and receive the additional knowledge. Other required classes to support the in-person instruction are completed on line.

The Divide Fire Academy will also be taking shape for a new class for 2022. There will be space available for our new volunteers.

We will have a date soon for a CPR/First Aid class to be held on a Sunday in October. The class will be available for residents and staff. Depending on interest and class size, a second class may need to be scheduled. Interested residents who would like to take the class can contact me at the Station or by email.

We are in the process of developing the 2022 Training Plan for staff, which will include grant funded training and development. Delivering certified training to our staff and getting volunteers fully operational, is our top priority.

We are looking forward to the development of the CERT program and delivery of a basic training class. Further information will be forthcoming as it develops. We have a FEMA certified instructor from the El Dorado Hills Fire District, who will teach the class. Our goal is to develop certified instructors within the Department who can teach the class for new CERT members, in the future.

SSD/Strike Team Invoice Summary:

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, [www.mfpd.us](http://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](mailto:jrosevear@mfpd.us).

Jack Rosevear, Chief