



## **MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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### ***Chief's Report September-October 2022***

Calls for Service: September 20-October 23

Fires- 0

Vehicle Accident- 1 (false call-abandoned vehicle)

Medical Aid- 4

Gas Hazard- 1

Public Assist- 5

The Mosquito Fire, named after it's start on Mosquito Ridge Road in Placer County, at the Oxbow Reservoir, started Tuesday afternoon, September 6<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> the fire was declared 100% contained at 76,788 acres. While the damage to structures and the environment was significant, it could have been much worse, especially for our community. On Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>, there was a firefighter and community appreciation dinner and music event hosted in Georgetown. Our Department, Georgetown, and Garden Valley each received a \$2,000 donation. We appreciate the partnerships with our sister departments and their communities.

We are in the process of obtaining authorization to purchase \$95,000 of new vehicle extrication and other equipment through residual funds from our closed FEMA AFG training grant. Three battery powered Hurst tools, charger, spare batteries, air bags for lifting vehicles and heavy objects, vehicle stabilization equipment, pre-assembled harness and rope sets to quickly get to trapped patients off the road. This represents a significant upgrade in our current capability to rescue people trapped in a vehicle accident. We are also adding a thermal imaging camera, the remainder of our needed supply line hose, and two gas detectors.

Firefighter-Engineer Ryan Hopkins returned to duty last Thursday, after being injured at the Gravel Road structure fire on October 11, 2021. We appreciate having him back. Devin Hern and Coleman Johns are doing well in their Firefighter 1 academy in Sacramento, attending class Friday evenings and all-day Saturday. They will graduate in December. We are proud of these community based, multi-generational firefighters who have a great career ahead.

Last weekend, Firefighters Kyle Elledge, Heidi Glockner and Quintin Anderson participated in structure fire training hosted at South Placer County Fire District Station 19 by the California State Firefighters Association (CSFA). There was live interior fire and vertical ventilation training using a burn trailer provided by the Kelseyville Fire District (Lake County). The free training provided by CSFA is focused on volunteer firefighters, funded through CSFA's FEMA SAFER Volunteer Recruitment and Retention grant.

We are looking forward to the holiday season and some great community events coming up. Below is a list of important dates. Community members are always welcome to attend Tuesday night training and meet our firefighters and Support Group members. Our training will shift to winter storm preparedness and structure fire response.

We continue to provide addressing signs for residents and installing in the Community. Firefighters put together signs and mount it at the best location at a resident's property. The cost of the sign is \$35. Contact Captain Lugo at [mlugo@mfpd.us](mailto:mlugo@mfpd.us) for ordering.

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. Fire season is not over yet and is still dangerous. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at the fire station (626-9017) or email at [jrosevear@mfpd.us](mailto:jrosevear@mfpd.us).

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday October 25 - MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75- Public Welcome

Thursday October 27- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75

**Saturday October 29- Trunk or Treat Halloween Celebration- Station 75**

Thursday November 3- MVFA Monthly Board meeting- 3pm- Station 75

Tuesday November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75- Public Welcome

Thursday November 17- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75

Saturday November 19- Firehouse Fundraiser BBQ- Afternoon- More info coming

Jack Rosevear, Chief