

MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 8801 ROCK CREEK ROAD

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Press Release: MFPD Evacuation Drill

Date: Saturday June 11th Time:1200HRS

Location: Swansboro Airport

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The Mosquito Fire Protection District will be conducting a fire evacuation drill to test our procedures in a simulated incident that would focus on fire impacting the community coming from the South and the West. Included in this simulation will be a mock closure of the Mosquito Bridge due to maintenance.

The Community is invited to participate in this drill. If interested meet at the Airport off Sluice St at 12:00pm. Before coming determine two escape routes from your residence. In a real emergency your primary route might get cut off so always think about two ways out, if possible.

In the event of an actual fire residents would meet at the airport entrance at Sluice Street and be directed by Fire and Support Group personnel. Motor homes (RVs) and large animals would be directed to the area of the basketball courts at Dyer Lake. Vehicles would not be allowed to access Rock Creek Road to Highway 193 to allow all inbound Fire Apparatus, EMS and Law Enforcement a safe and effective avenue of approach. All vehicles (residents) would be routed to the Airport to stage until Sheriff Deputies arrive to coordinate a safe and managed evacuation of the community. The East end of Swansboro Airport is the safest place to be if a wildfire impacts the community.

Fire District Support Personnel will be staged at various locations for the duration of this drill to include the Airport, Mosquito Road to include the cut off as well as Rock Creek Road. Questions or concerns can be forwarded to the Fire Station.

The Mosquito / Swansboro community is a Firewise designated community. Wildfire Evacuation Checklists and Preparedness Tips can be found below:

https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/go-evacuation-guide/pre-evacuation-preparation-steps/