



## MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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### *Chief's Report*

*December 2021- January 2022*

Calls for Service: December 20-January 24

Medical- 5

Lift Assist- 1

Carbon Monoxide Check- 1

Welfare Check- 1

\*Storm Response 12/27-31:

Trees into Power Lines: 17

Tree into ATT Lines: 8

Vehicles slid off road or abandoned: 9

Trees Blocking Roads/Driveways: 25

Snow/Ice limiting Road/Driveway access: 16

Welfare Checks: 17

Generator Assist: 12

No/Low Gasoline: 8

No/Low Propane: 5

\*Calls and residents coming to station too numerous to track due to volume of activity

District staff responded to numerous calls for service resulting from our second major storm, bringing heavy snowfall. Fortunately, there were no major incidents, and we were able to coordinate with PGE personnel to restore power as soon as it was possible. PGE was assisted by SMUD crews providing mutual aid to El Dorado County. A special thanks for our great staff who worked to assist others under very difficult circumstances.

Thank you to MVFA for the donation of new apparatus room LED lighting fixtures (\$1,400). Thank you to Director Uggla and Randy Campos, for donating the hydraulic lift we used to install the fixtures. The improvement to the apparatus room lighting is amazing. The apparatus room heater was recently overhauled and repaired by Comfort Control Heating. We expect another two years of service, at least, before eventual replacement is needed.

Despite the winter storms, vegetation is still very dry. Burn piles can escape control, especially during winds and proper safety precautions are not taken. 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.

On Saturday evening January 22, 2022, the Board of Directors hosted a District Recognition and Awards Dinner for members and their families. This will be an annual event to recognize the many contributions our volunteers give to the Community during the year. The following awards were presented:

Volunteer of the Year- Meredith Blain- for her countless hours of grant writing, grant administration, coordination of the Station 75 Digital Sign Project and many other administrative contributions.

Firefighter of the Year- Engineer Ryan Hopkins- For consistent outstanding efforts at all times, saving the District thousands of dollars in repair costs and for valor above and beyond the call of duty at the Gravel Road Incident on October 11, 2021.

Support Group Volunteer of the Year- Dawn Buhnerkempe- For her overall outstanding contributions and leadership in emergency response, training, and establishment of the Firefighter Rehab/Support Program, which replenishes firefighters (at training & fire responses) and provides medical monitoring.

Citizens of the Year- Frank and Heidi Ethridge- For outstanding consistent service and great support of our Community and Department.

Citizen of the Year- Reese Willer- For outstanding contributions donating and establishing the Support Group radio system. This system has been expanded and has proved vital to our operations.

Exceptional Service Award- Engineer Devin Hern and Firefighter Coleman Johns- For consistent and outstanding service to the District with training, emergency response and shift coverage. The two lead all members with shift coverage and availability for emergency response.

Outstanding Service Award- Trent Williams- For his consistent and outstanding efforts managing and leading the Support Group.

Outstanding Service Award- Storm Response 12/27-12/31- Wayne Holley, Dustin Cutter, James Young, Rick Nattrass and Rich St. Croix. For service above and beyond the call of duty in service to the Community during the snow storm event. These individuals are consistent contributors at all major events when the Community needs assistance.

Assistant Chief Todd Hern is now a certified CPR instructor through the American Heart Association. We'll have future CPR classes (TBD) for staff and interested community members.

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](mailto: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](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).

Upcoming Events:

Saturday January 22- MFPD Annual Recognition Dinner- 6pm- Station 75  
Tuesday January 25- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75  
Thursday January 27- Fire Board Meeting- 7pm at Station 75 (Zoom provided)  
Tuesday February 1- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75  
Thursday February 3- MVFA Board Meeting- 3pm- Station 75  
Saturday February 5- Support Group Monthly Training- 10am- Station 75  
Tuesday February 8- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75  
Tuesday February 15- MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75

Jack Rosevear, Chief