

October – November 2024

## **CHIEF'S MESSAGE**

by Chief Eddie Dwyer



To The Community

On October 5, an open house for the kickoff of Fire Prevention Week was held at the Fire Station. This was an event hosted by the Department Auxiliary (D'Ax). It was a successful day that showed a promise of cooperation that can benefit the whole community. The Mosquito Fire Safe Council (MSFC) and Mosquito Volunteer Firefighters Association (MVFA) also participated.

Firefighters placed Fire Apparatus and Advanced Emergency Medical Equipment on display. Firefighters demonstrated an emergency response that included interior Fire Attack and Rescue.

What I believe was most successful was that D'Ax, MFSC and MVFA all came together to establish stronger working and cooperative ties, that in the future will highlight and support the Fire District.

Each group that participated is integral to this community. Each Group having their own specific function enhances the quality of life and safety here in Mosquito.

MVFA manages Finnon Lake and campground, the jewel of the community, MVFA fundraises for the upkeep of the lake and campground. Their members have over the years provided considerable support to the Fire District and our personnel. More recently paying for and conducting work to refurbish the Firefighters Dormitory Kitchen.

MFSC seeks grants for fuel mitigation and a focus on a Fire Wise and Fire Safe Community. MFSC also manages fuel reduction projects. The MFSC provides a great service which impacts on homeowners' insurance premiums.

D'Ax is a California nonprofit corporation created in 2022. Its primary mission is to financially support the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD) by way of fundraising. D'Ax fundraising supports the Chief and the personnel and volunteers of the MFPD, as well as the community at large. With donations received from generous community members in November 2022, D'Ax purchased, and now manages and maintains MFPD's fundraising assets, using those assets solely for the good and welfare of the Mosquito Fire Protection District community.

The District Auxiliary accomplishes its mission through social activities, fundraising events, campaigns, and by fostering good relationships with all other community groups within the Mosquito Fire Protection District.

Events:

D'Ax will be holding a Pancake Breakfast November 16, 2024.

Public Safety and Training:

CPR Courses will be scheduled quarterly, beginning February 2025.

Support Group Training:  
Monthly Training on the first Saturday of each month.

Department Training and Safety:  
Firefighters will undergo Low Angle Rope Rescue Training December 6-8, this is the first step in becoming Rescue Systems Technicians.

Six MFPD Volunteer Members will undergo an IDLH Academy being held at El Dorado Hills Training Ground. This 8 week Academy beginning in January 2025, will provide personnel with the basic training necessary to enter the Life Hazardous Environment of a structure fire.

Operations Report:  
District Fleet Maintenance Randy Campos will be working with Stretch Fab to evaluate the engines and water tender. The goal is to identify repairs that require immediate attention, and establish a projected budget for this fiscal year and FY 25/26.

SG-75 is out of service due to an electrical issue.

Recruitment & Retention:  
MFPD is recruiting for in district residents looking to participate as Volunteer Firefighters. We will be sending new members to an IDLH Academy being held at El Dorado Hills Fire District Training Grounds, starting in January for 8 consecutive Saturdays. Dates to follow.

Requests For Service:

Medical Calls:	9	Debris Burns:	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	1	Public Assist:	1

Logistics:  
Nothing to report.

Fire Chief's Association/El Dorado County Regional Fire Authority:  
The El Dorado County Regional Emergency Service Authority is in contract negotiations with the County. More info to follow in December.