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FROM THE CHIEF

Leo Chaloux

The following article was a very hard one for me to write. In talking with a good friend of mine and with his encouragement I thought it should be done.

A few months ago we were dispatched to an incident that was not what had been expected based on the information given at the time of the dispatch. The incident was not a heroic one, nor one that produced that so called adrenaline high we often expect. It was one that resulted in someones death. There was nothing that we as fire fighters and EMT's could have done anything about. The individual died instantly as a result of making several mistakes. Those mistakes were his to make and because of them he was rewarded with infinity.

As with the majority of these types of incidents law enforcement is given the task of investigation and determination as to what happened and why. The fire department is often left with the responsibility of controlling the incident and cleaning it up. There is no reward in that process, just questions that arise from each individual at the incident. Usually the most asked question of me is "why"? Fire fighters are considered to be immediate problem solvers as our jobs and what we volunteer to do demand that a problem, no matter what it is, must be solved in as quick, safe, and proper manner as possible.

So when that response "why" is asked and I see it as a problem in someones eyes I become very frustrated, as the only response I can think of is "why not" and that is truly not an answer.

As with most incidents that have an impact on the fire fighters I call for a debriefing. Those involved that are not fire fighters or anyone in the community who was touched by the incident is also invited to attend. Technically it is referred to as a critical stress debriefing, headed by a professional counselor who is called in to help us deal with what, how, and why we feel the way we do. For me personally I am helped by the process, by the communication, and by the fact that I am not the only one feeling all the emotions.

Shortly after this one incident here I was talking to a friend of mine who is also a fire fighter. He had just returned from an incident that was really bothering him. A man had placed his two year old son on the hood of a small riding lawn mower and proceeded to cut the grass. The small boy had fallen off and was run over by the lawn mower. This too was an incident that was not heroic nor rewarding. It simply brought out emotions that produced tears in his eyes and in mine. As fire fighters, paid full time or volunteer, we feel we are not to have any emotions, we are to solve those many problems that come our way and in doing so we cannot let anyone know that at times we do cry. This incident as with many others produced that same old question of "why" with the only reasonable answer being "why not".

When I am teaching First Responder classes or Fire Fighter 1 classes to new volunteers I always tell them the great things about being a volunteer fire fighter and a great deal of good comes out of what we do. Then I have to point out reality. I tell them that in this business things are never as they appear to be, that what you see is not always what is happening, that the information dispatch is giving you is not always correct, and the best we can do is take the cards we are dealt and play them the best we can. One more thing, fire fighters, whether paid or volunteer, do cry.



MOSQUITO IS A
PRIME CANDIDATE
FOR A CATASTROPHIC
FIRE

September 17 - 20 year anniversary of the
Chili Bar Fire

Devery Minor

Last year we experienced El Niño weather and this year has been a little more normal. It seems like the relative humidity has been a little higher than normal though. Recent weeks have been fairly cool. We experienced a couple of hot spells but only for short periods. The delta breezes have been our friend lately. I even had dew on my windshield a couple of mornings. The point I'm trying to make is that fire season has been pretty quiet of recent memory and it is very easy to become lax in our way of thinking.

Summertime is the time when the days are long and the nights are short. Every body has some place to go and be, and for the seasonal workers it's the time to "make hay while the sun shines."

September is typically our driest month because the previous three months have given sufficient time to dry things out. October can also be very dry but we'll be looking for the coming rains and cooler weather ahead.

Mosquito is a truly unique place to live. However, due to its remote location, fuel loading and the steep canyons and hills and narrow winding roads, we have a very high fire hazard rating. Mosquito is a prime candidate for a catastrophic fire. This is a quiet out of the way place and people like to get away from it all out here.

As a community we are pretty fire safe as proven by the amount of fires we don't have in our district. As well as being careful with fire I would also ask that you keep your eyes and ears open for the "questionable" or "illegal" or "stupid" activity that could lead to "The Big One." We are fortunate to have a look out tower looking over our shoulder, but that is only a reaction to a fire and won't prevent a fire.

The closest fire fighting resources are 45 minutes away. Even our own volunteer fire fighters are working at least 30 minutes away. We have very few volunteers on the hill during the day in the middle of the week.

September 17, 1999 is the 20 year anniversary of the Chili Bar Fire. I was 17 years old then, and I and a few others have a few war stories we could relate on those fateful three days. Chili Bar Fire destroyed 8,000 acres, four homes and other unnamed personal property – all because of an unattended campfire down near the White Rock power house on the South Fork of the American River. We were without power for about seven days and Mosquito and Rock Creek roads were closed due both to the fire and equipment.

Let's learn from the history of the area and realize that one mistake could cost us the beauty of the community we all live in, not to mention our homes and personal property.

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS
AND ACTION PLAN

Kerri Timmer of Sierra Connections presented her final report to the Mosquito Community on July 10th. It is a culmination of a 9-month process of research, community outreach and input to determine the community's vision for its future. Three Town Hall Meetings were held, and a survey was mailed. It contains a wealth of information including such specific issues as MVFD vs. Mosquito Fire Protection District, Finnon Lake acquisition, dam reconstruction, restaurant re-opening at Finnon Lake and the community school.

There are six Action Plan Recommendations -

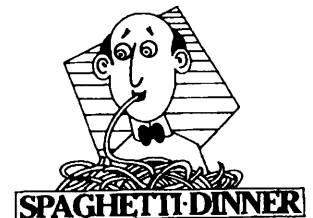
1. Organize Community Clean-Up of Lake, Campgrounds and Day Use Areas
2. Develop a Recreation Master Plan for Finnon Lake
3. Make Improvements to Lake, Campsites, Day Use Area
4. Selectively Promote Finnon Lake as Education, Training or Group Retreat Destination
5. Work with County on Road Conditions and Maintenance
6. Reinvigorate the Bridge Preservation Committee

The results of the Community Action Plan Survey, survey tabulations and a summary of the fill-in-the-blank survey responses are included. It also contains information on agencies that can assist the community if it is decided to pursue a specific activity. It is an exhaustive report and well worth the reading. Copies are available at the Mosquito Fire Station. If you want to borrow a copy, please sign up on the sheet at the Fire Station and leave a \$10.00 deposit which will be refunded when the copy is returned.

If you want to help in any way to fulfill any of the actions items listed in the book, contact Debbie Minor at 621-3533.

SEE YOU AT THE SPAGHETTI FEED

SEPTEMBER 25TH



WHITE ELEPHANTS
FOR GEORGETOWN

Hazel Smith

I know its only August but before you know it, it will be December and time for the Georgetown Bazaar. We participate in this event by donating white elephants and baked goods. In return we get a nice donation from them for our Fire Department.

White elephants are: dishes, books, small working appliances, knick knacks, etc. NO clothes. If you have any questions or need to have your white elephants picked up, call Hazel Smith 621-3046. The deadline for them will be 11-19-99. More about the baked goods next month.

OVER THE HILL

Jo Thomas

Summer is fading fast, but it seems everyone is still trying to squeeze in as much warm weather activity as possible, even though it really hasn't been all that warm. But I'm certainly not complaining.

Last month the **Darr** family held their 19th "Shoot Out" at Dyer Lake. This event started out as an annual horseshoe tournament but has evolved into a family reunion as well. The winning team, out of 17 teams this year, was Bob Morris (Hanora Darr Morris' husband) and Doug Grant. I might add that this family does an excellent job of cleaning up the premises when they're done. (Hint, hint)

Robert Ross occasionally takes his children, **Kendall** and **Tristan**, to look at airplanes at our local airport. On this particular day they came upon **Kim Purcell** who offered to take them for a ride. So on Tristan's 3rd birthday last month he got his first airplane ride in Kim's Cessna 170 - strapped in his car seat of course. (His dad went along too) Hope you thought it was a great birthday, Tristan. Now poor Kim is NOT very patiently waiting to recuperate from shoulder surgery. You'll get there, Kim, and won't it be wonderful to be normal again.

STAR volunteers (Sheriff's Team of Active Retirees) were honored at an appreciation dinner in town recently. Did you know we have two STARS right here in our community? **Don Relfe** and **Hazel Smith**, we thank you for your dedication.

Mark Kirkpatrick finally got to experience Oshkosh, Wisconsin, site of Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture. Mark was too excited and having too much fun to pay much attention to triple digit temperatures and 90%+ humidity at this annual event, which draws hundreds of thousands of people from around the world each summer to see and hear the best that aviation has to offer. Mark said he can't wait to go back next year.

Dean and Lela Edson also made an appearance at

Oshkosh to receive an award for outstanding service to EAA and sport aviation. Among many other things, they have particularly devoted countless hours to the local EAA Young Eagles Program which introduces children to aviation with a one-on-one, hands-on approach. Those who know Dean and Lela, and surely everyone does, know how dedicated they are and that they don't know how to do anything half way. There was much more on this interesting couple in the local newspaper as their picture was on the FRONT page, IN color.

By the time you read this, hopefully **Roland Smith** will have regained his strength following surgery on his leg and be back home again with his loving family.

Sympathies to the **Ralph Hern** family over the loss of Sharon's father, Bill.

Finally, **Jim Burkhalter** "lost" a brand new Weber barbeque grill at Dyer Lake last month, complete with charcoal. If anyone "found" it, Jim would appreciate your call.

KARATE NOW IN
SWANSBORO

I, Dr. Al Raymond, will start a free Karate class at the fire station in Swansboro. I have an advanced degree in Kenpo karate and have taught for Professor Gary Garrett in Sacramento. I have studied under three different masters and would like to offer to pass on what I have learned to the kids in Swansboro. The art-form that I teach does not require physical conditioning like kick-boxing or other hard forms. I teach a soft form which teaches one how to focus one's internal power and attention on a very small area having a tremendous effect on the end result. This form is more of a training of the mind than a training of the body. This type of training will help one to focus their life in a manner that could produce amazing results. This is not a class which one would join for fun. This class is only for serious students and I will enforce a strict code of discipline.

I would encourage fathers to pair up with sons and brothers to join together as a team and I have found that mothers and sons work well together as do fathers and daughters. Two friends will work and you may join as an individual, but it is better if you join with a partner.

If you want to come and watch you are welcome as long as you promise to be quiet and not talk. This internal form of Karate takes a great deal of concentration and requires silence. What I teach is not hard to learn and can be taught to a seven-year-old or to one in their later years.

The soft form that I teach is one of defense only. You can't start to generate any attack until you have reacted to an offensive move against you. Studying this style of Karate will force one to never start a fight, but always be

ready to defend against a potential attack with a surprisingly powerful counter attack. If you are interested, please come and check out the class, but remember you must be prepared to remain silent throughout the whole class time.

MVFD BOARD NOTES

Leslie Keene

It's time to make your plans to attend the FALL SPAGHETTI FEED, being held on Saturday, September 25th, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Donations for the wonderful food provided are only \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids under 12, and all proceeds benefit the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department! The prize drawing will be for a weekend get-away, including one nights stay at Extended Stay America in Rancho Cordova, dinner out at the Shepherder's Restaurant, and theater tickets to the Folsom theaters! Leslie Keene is the chairperson for this event, if you'd like to help her out, call her at 621-0508.

It's almost election time again for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. There will be four positions up for election, to be filled from the Support Group or the Community-at-Large. If you are interested in running for an open position or have questions as to the responsibilities and commitments, please give me a call at 621-0508. Our seven member Board represents the firefighters, the Support Group members, and the community-at-large. This election is open to the public and if you are interested in running, we're interested in hearing from you! Our formal election will be held on November 4th at 7:00 p.m. Our primary responsibilities are fund raising for the Volunteer Fire Department and the care and feeding of our Finnon Lake Project! It's a wonderful time to be a Board member!

And, guess what! It's almost Halloween, where did the summer go!? Mark your calendars for the Fire Department's Community Halloween Party on Saturday, October 23rd. Debbie Minor is the chairperson of this event and will be giving you more details as the time comes closer.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and keep fire safe!

SCRUMPTIOUS CAKE

Evelyn Potter

I took this to a luncheon and it was a hit!

PUMPKIN BUNDT CAKE

- 1 - 18¼ oz. box yellow cake mix
- 1 - 3.4 oz box instant butterscotch pudding mix
(Sugar free is OK)
- 4 - eggs
- ¼ c water
- ¼ c vegetable oil

- 1 c canned pumpkin
- 2 t pumpkin pie spice

In a large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients and beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Then beat on medium speed for 4 minutes. Pour into greased and floured 10 inch fluted pan. Bake at 350° for 50 - 55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean.

Cool in pan 15 minutes, then remove to wire rack to cool completely.

Serve with whipped cream or drizzle glaze over cake.

GLAZE

- 1 c confectioner's sugar
 - ½ t lemon extract (or try orange)
 - 2 - 3 T water.
- Beat well.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rosemary Wilkinson

Recently, and more than once in continuing fashion, rocks/grass were found in mail boxes. Also, priority mail was torn open and spread along with other mail behind manzanita which had to be extracted by a rake. We do not know where any stolen mail can be. Every child age 5 upwards should know that to break into a U. S. Mailbox is a Federal Offense and punishable as a felony. Why should our community be afraid to mail or receive mail?

Should parents know what children are doing behind their backs? Should parents know when their child uses ORV with open pipes up and down our hills/streets or abusing other property without their knowledge? What about those driving to Placerville and do not "YIELD TO UPHILL TRAFFIC" knowing that is a state law?

Respect and courtesy to each neighbor is something we should discuss with our children so that there is a return of this to them as they do to others..

KEEP FIRE SAFE!

The weather reporter is having computer gremlins. Jim, hope you can kick them out soon!

The *MOSQUITO BYTE* is available by subscription and is mailed first class to subscribers. Cost of subscription is \$8.50 per year. Mail check to 2300 Mosquito Cut-Off Rd, Placerville, CA, 95667. Deadline for news and advertising is the 19th of each month.

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ADVERTISING

There is no charge for advertising in the *Mosquito Byte* for our subscribers. Deadline for advertising is the 19th of each month. Call Pat at 622-6436 or Lela at 626-8265. Ads in the "For Sale" department will run for three months unless you call to say the item has been sold, or you want the ad extended.

MEETINGS

QUILTERS' MEETING: September 23rd, 10:00 a.m. - noon.
Sandy Nester's 642-9865.

FREE:

SET OF WEIGHT LIFTING dumbbells and barbells. 626-3280.

WHIRLPOOL WASHER AND DRYER. 626-4795

CAMPER SHELL, fits small pickup. 621-1879

EXERCISE BIKE 621-1879

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FREE KARATE CLASSES (Kenpo style) will include meditation, discipline and focusing techniques. No age requirement, both children and adults welcome. Classes will be at 2 p.m. Saturdays. Better if you join in pairs. Call Dr. Raymond (430) 642-0457

COUCH, dark wood accents, no rips or tears, fabric is velour greenish gold color. LOVE SEAT, purchased at Brueners, has an 'iron' burn in one place and sunburned on one arm. Please call 622-6337. If no answer, please leave message. Will return calls ASAP.

Wanted HEAVY DUTY clothes hangars for hanging protective fire gear. Call Devery Minor at the Mosquito Fire Station. 626-9017.

WANTED

CHEST FREEZER in good running condition at reasonable price. Call Fred Adams at 642-9441.

SOMEONE TO DO OUR WEEKLY IRONING, either in our home, or pickup and deliver when finished. If you're interested, give Leslie a call at 621-0508.

MOM/DRIVER to take student to or from school near Schnell School for 1999/2000 school year. 8:00 AM and 3:15 PM. Will help pay for gas. Call Denice Garza 621-1719 or 621-1700.

SERVICES

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VACATION CARE: Going on vacation? Need any pet care, or taking care of plants? You have found just the one: me, Amanda Pearson. I love animals and am great with plants. Call me at 621-1653. If I'm not there, leave a message.

PLUMBING: Vick's Plumbing, license No. 605357. Victor Garcia, 626-6493.

CLEANING: Swansboro resident for 7 years to clean your home, meal preparation or errands done with TLC. Reasonable, experienced, references. Call Renee at 626-3280. OK to leave message

NUTRITIONAL AIDS and free information. Call Teresa at 626-6970.

CARETAKER/DOOR SHAKER SERVICE: Available to vacation/vacationing homeowners at modest cost, daily, weekly, monthly. Reference available. Call "Critter" Don Reid, 622-7622.

DON'S CRITTER CARE: Pets, livestock and gardens, too. While you're away. Reasonable rates, references. Call 622-7622.

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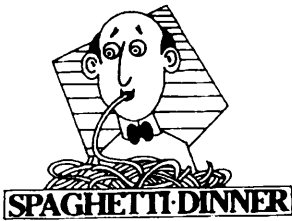
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After all the words have been found, unscramble the unused letters to find the solution to the puzzle.



SPAGHETTI FEED

MOSQUITO FIRE STATION

SATURDAY, September 25th - 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

\$6.00 FOR ADULTS ---- \$3.00 FOR KIDS UNDER 12

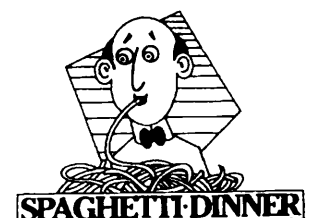
**ALL YOU CAN EAT: Homemade spaghetti, salads, desserts,
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PRIZE DRAWING FOR A VACATION GET-AWAY

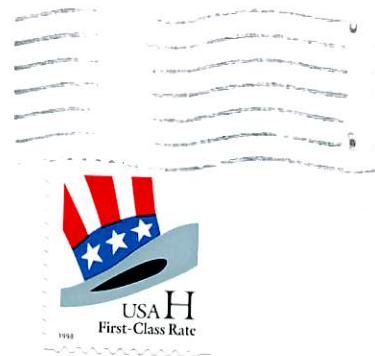
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SEPTEMBER 1999 All events are at the Mosquito Fire Station except Quilters' meeting.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	3	4 SUPPORT GROUP 10:00 AM
5	6 	7	8	9 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 FINNON LAKE PLANNING MEETING 6:00 PM	20 DEADLINE FOR MOSQUITO BYTE ARTICLES	21	22	23 QUILTERS' MEETING 10:00 AM (see Meetings)	24	25 SPAGHETTI FEED 4:30 PM-7:30 PM
26	27	28	29	30		