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Your Fire Department

By **Edward Dwyer, Mosquito Fire Chief**
Mosquito Fire Protection District



My name is Eddie Dwyer, the new Fire Chief for the Mosquito Fire Protection District. A little background - I have just entered my 37th year in the Fire Service. I have worked with some of the most professional firefighters in the State of California and working here at the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD) allows me to continue this work.

I want to tell you about your fire department. The Mosquito Fire Protection District is a combination volunteer and career fire department. Though small in size, it has the working mechanism of a much larger department. In this mechanism, you will find professionalism equal to that of a department ten times its size. This professionalism was on great display over the last few weeks. The members of the MFPD made the difference when responding to requests for Emergency Medical Services where lives were in jeopardy. These requests for service included stroke, respiratory emergencies, and two cardiac saves. One of our patients has allowed us to share his story. I will withhold his name to provide some privacy.

A 54-year-old resident of the community drove up to the Fire Station complaining of chest pain. On this report, the rescue personnel of the MFPD immediately began to assess and render aid to this patient. Based on patient history, assessment of vital signs and physical presentation, it was determined that this patient might be experiencing a significant cardiac event. The request for a paramedic ambulance resulted in Diamond Springs Medic 49 with a 50- to 60-minute ETA. Since the patient was probably experiencing a myocardial infarction (MI) or heart attack and the medical window for reperfusion was closing, a 12-lead EKG, which provides a global view of the heart's electrical system, was needed quickly. A 12-lead EKG provides information to advanced care providers allowing them to deliver appropriate medical care and transportation to the most appropriate medical facility. Realizing that the ambulance ETA was too great, MFPD personnel requested an air ambulance to get 12-lead EKG equipment to the patient's side.

CHP Henry 20 (helicopter) was dispatched to the Swansboro Airport where a medical landing zone (LZ) was set up. The patient was transported via the department command vehicle to the LZ. Patient assessment and treatment continued until the arrival of Henry 20. A 12-lead EKG assessment was performed and the cardiac injury was identified as an anteroseptal myocardial infarction, a dangerous cardiac emergency. Advanced treatment was initiated and the patient transported to Sutter Roseville for cardiac catheterization and reperfusion treatment. This patient's life was saved however, due to the delay in arrival of advanced care capabilities, some permanent damage has occurred. Delays in cardiac care equate to potential death of cardiac tissue and as this destruction continues, the prognosis for recovery worsens.

Due to our remote community, advanced care is delayed. Many people will say that we do not have the call volume to support paramedic availability on "The Hill" 24/7. The argument should never be about call volume, it should be about types of calls, the remoteness of the community and the delay of advanced services. Though we do not currently have advanced care capability immediately available, we do have tremendously professional firefighters who are willing to

employ every aspect of mental and physical capability as they place themselves between the residents of this community and the danger.

You may be thinking “how melodramatic” but think about it. Who will respond when you call for help in an emergency? Who will respond when your life is in jeopardy and who will physically stand between you and that harm? The answer is the members of the Mosquito Fire Protection District, some of the finest professional rescuers I have ever been fortunate to know. I can be reached at edwyer@mfpd.us, fire station phone (530)626-9017 or cell (925)584-0930.

The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, November 10th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

A Special Request

By the **MVFA Board of Directors**

Mosquito Fire Chief Eddie Dwyer has asked the MVFA Board to purchase a Thermal Imager for the Fire Department. This tool is a lifesaver and enables firefighters to see through heavy smoke to locate the source of flames. Using infrared detection, the imager can also indicate the body heat produced by a human being or pet at night in pitch dark. If you have any questions about the unit to be purchased, please call and talk with Chief Eddie.

Our goal is to raise \$4,000 to purchase the Thermal Imager. Details of this unit can be found at: http://www.bullard.com/V3/products/thermal_imaging/fire_service/legacy.php. We are asking the Mosquito Fire District community for help. If you are looking for a year-end tax deduction and would like to make a donation for a Thermal Imager for our Fire Department, please send your check with a note specifying so to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville 95667. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations may be tax deductible, and a letter specifying the donation amount will be provided to you.

MVFA is totally self-supportive and self-insured. MVFA funds itself through grants, donations, fund-raiser events and fees from Finnon Lake Recreation Area. MVFA receives no taxpayer funds, nor any funds from SCPOA, and has no paid employees. All of its supporters are volunteers, and MVFA is working with MFPD on this project.

Thank you for supporting your Fire Department, MVFA and Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association - MVFA

By **Tom Harris**

Mark your calendar! The next MVFA dinner event will be our annual Christmas Turkey Dinner on Saturday, December 10th, at the Fire Station. This dinner is a free event given by MVFA to show our thanks to the wonderful members of our special Mosquito community.



MVFA will collect toys and gifts for its annual Christmas Basket distribution. Baskets will be distributed to the less fortunate in our community. The Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" will be participating with us. You can donate food and toys from now until December 1st. For more information, please see the article from Sharon Hern and Mary Ann Haywood in this newsletter.

For up-to-date information, photos from MVFA events and happenings at Finnon Lake, please visit www.GoMVFA.org. Also, The Finnon Lake Recreation Area website has a new look. The new version is friendlier to mobile devices and has numerous other features. Check it out at www.finnonrecreationarea.com.

If you would like to donate your time to help maintain Finnon Lake Recreation Area - Campground, day use area or disc golf course on your own schedule, call Tom Harris at (530)642-2333. If you or someone you know is interested in developing mountain bike trails on the Finnon Lake property, please call Tom. Thank you for supporting MVFA and Finnon Lake Recreation Area.

Join us for the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Shopping for the Holidays!

By Eileen Guell

The holidays are coming quickly and a great way to support your community is by shopping online via a method joyfully utilized by many already - Amazon! Use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/> - "You shop. Amazon gives."

When you shop at **AmazonSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice (Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association) which is an eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organization. A message appears after each purchase is made successfully, "*I just supported Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association at AmazonSmile.*"

Answers to top Questions about AmazonSmile:



1) How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

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2) Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. On your first visit to AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com/>), you need to select Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (*Not MVFA*) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Please refer to the AmazonSmile website for further questions/answers. You may also visit our website <http://www.gomvfa.org/> and click on the Smile Amazon link directly to sign up. Thank you so much, as always, for supporting our wonderful community! Happy Holidays to all!



Wanted - A Dedicated Volunteer, Hardworking and Able to Apply Common Sense

By Roger Stenbock, President SCPOA

Your Swansboro Country Board of Directors (SCPOA) are dedicated local folks. All are volunteers and wish to serve the Swansboro community. They do double duty serving on the various committees. They are Kim Purcell-Vice President, Eileen Reisner-Treasurer, Mark Herman-Secretary, Jerry Pullin-Director, Mari Miller-Director and Roger Stenbock-President. That leaves us one short. Kari Guthrie diligently served on the board as director and secretary. She did an outstanding job and our community is better off because of it, but she had to focus on her new job and was not able to continue work on the Board. That left a void which will be difficult to fill, but your Board must do its duty and find a suitable person to serve.

If you or someone you know is willing to volunteer for this opening, the Board would like to hear from you. Extensive experience is not necessary. The Board is looking for someone who is a team player, has the time to work hard, is solution oriented, can apply common sense, is willing to compromise, and above all, can put aside his/her personal agenda and put the community first. If you wish to join the Board, please let our manager, Judy Reule, know. It will be an agenda item at the next SCPOA Board Meeting, November 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Mosquito Fire Station.

Judy Reule | Community Association Manager
1739 Creekside Drive, Suite 100 • Folsom, California 95630
P: (916) 985-3633 x151

So, what are the duties of a Board member? The Board is charged with maintaining, preserving and enhancing the common assets of our association. In order to perform those duties, our Board depends upon the advice and counsel of experts in various fields of community association management: our management company, attorneys, landscapers, insurance specialists, etc.

When making decisions regarding our community, the Board is expected to consider all the facts and factors involved in the issue and make the best business decision possible. Sometimes those decisions may not appear to be in the best interests of all of the owners; however, if each owner understood all of the underlying issues that go into making the decision, they would understand that the Board's choice of action is usually the most practical and well thought out.

In addition to dealing with insurance, maintenance, financial and contractual decisions, the Board must also balance their positions on the Board with their role as a homeowner. If assessments are increased, it means they are increased for them also. If rules are enacted, it means they have to obey them, too. Being a board member does not grant one immunity from the responsibilities of living in an association. In fact, serving on the Board reflects just how seriously they take that responsibility. So, please keep in mind that our Board members are actually doing "double-duty" for our community: they serve as board member and neighbor, deserving of a heartfelt "thank you" for all of their contributions to our community! See you at our next Board meeting.

The SCPOA meeting is Thursday, November 17th, at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!



18th Annual Holiday Craft Faire

Join the Firehouse Crafters at our last Craft Sale of the year!



Fall and Christmas decorations as well as holiday gifts galore!

Lunch and other goodies available.

Friday,	November 11 th	9-4 pm
Saturday,	November 12 th	9-4 pm

Cold Springs Community Church, 2600 Cold Springs Road, Placerville

Come get an early start on your Holiday shopping!

Christmas Basket Recipients

By Sharon Hern & Mary Ann Haywood



Over the years, MVFA has helped families in our community who have found themselves in a less fortunate position at Christmas time. Traditionally, we have been able to provide the recipients with a full Christmas meal along with gifts for any child family members. As we approach the holidays, we are asking for the community's help so that we can plan for this year's baskets. If you know of someone in our community you think could use a basket, please call Sharon Hern, Christmas Basket Chairperson, at (530)626-5268, or Mary Ann Haywood, Co-Chairperson, at (530)622-5477. They will need the adult names, children's name and age, address and phone number. The information given is treated as confidential.



Want to help by donating? We are again partnering with "Toys for Tots." Gifts for children should be unwrapped so they can be matched to the children's age, and please don't forget our pre-teens and teenagers. We are also looking for canned and boxed foods, hams, turkeys. Please remember that opened boxes, outdated food and perishables cannot be accepted for donations. Donations can be dropped off at the Fire Station

not later than December 1, 2016. We will be distributing these baskets on December 17th. Thank you in advance for your help and may you have a wonderful holiday season!

Attention Mosquito/Swansboro Shoppers

By MaryAnn Haywood

Now that it's fall and the weather is getting cooler, this is just a reminder that the MVFA has Station 75 short sleeve T-shirts and a limited number of hooded zip sweatshirt jackets on hand for sale. It's also a great time to start thinking about holiday gifts too!

We will be doing an order in late October/early November. With winter coming, you might also consider a crew neck or hooded sweatshirt, or a long sleeve t-shirt in your favorite color(s). Let me know as soon as possible, so I can include your special order. You can reach me at (530)622-5477 and we can meet at the Fire Station, my house or yours.

Birding at Finnon Lake

By **Dave Angelo**

Here are the bird watch results from our outing on October 8th. Beginning Saturday, November 12th, we will meet at 10:00 a.m. The group meets at the pavilion at Mosquito General, and the community is welcome to participate. It is a nice leisurely walk around Finnon Lake using the campground access road. For more information, call Dee Taylor at (530)626-1196.



US-CA-Placerville-9100 Rock Creek Rd - 38.7967x-120.7519

Oct 8, 2016

9:05 AM

Traveling

1.10 miles

85 Minutes

All birds reported? Yes

Comments: Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 1.3.1 Build 88

1 Canada Goose

1 Red-tailed Hawk

50 American Coot (Red-shielded)

10 Acorn Woodpecker

3 Northern Flicker

4 Black Phoebe

5 Hutton's Vireo

1 Steller's Jay

2 California Scrub-Jay

2 Common Raven

5 Ruby-crowned Kinglet

5 Western Bluebird

3 California Towhee

5 Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)

Number of Taxa: 14

Support MVFA

MVFA coffee mugs and grocery totes are still in stock and for sale. Coffee mugs are \$5.00 each, and grocery totes are \$4.00 each. Extra savings are offered for two or more items! Contact Dave Angelo at (530)621-3688. Finnon Recreation passes for resident day use activities, which include access to swimming, fishing, boating and disc golf, are now on sale. The one-year pass is \$50.00. The two-year pass is \$75.00, and the five-year pass is \$175.00. Passes are good for the entire family, and one pass will cover up to 3 vehicles registered to the same address. Contact Dave Angelo at (530)621-3688.



WANTED!!! ALL CA CRV ALUMINUM CANS, BEER BOTTLES AND PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES.

Please drop off bags from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Fire Station. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials. (Sorry, wine bottles don't have CRV so we cannot use them)

NOTE: The "recycle rules" at our new buy back location have changed. Lids/Caps on plastic and glass CRV containers **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. If you have a chance and can remove the lids, it will sure help the recycle volunteers.



MVFA THANKS YOU!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 MVFA Board 7:00 p.m. Fire Station	4	5 MFPD Support Group 10 a.m. Fire Station
6	7	8	9	10 MFPD Board 7 p.m. Fire Station	11 Veterans Day 	12 Birding at Finnon Lake 10 a.m. meet at café pavilion
13	14	15	16	17 SCPOA Board 7 p.m. Fire Station	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving 	25 BLACK FRIDAY 	26 SHOP SMALL 
27	28	29	30			

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