



CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: June 20-July 24

Illegal Burn-1

Fire Alarm- False-1

Vehicle Accident- 1

Medical Aid- 8

Public Assist: 4 (3 rattlesnake calls)

CERT Training was completed after a six-month process of delivering nine sections of CERT Basic Training curriculum. Thirty people attended the class and received certificates. A special thanks to the California Fire Foundation for their generous grant of \$15,000, which was used for a mailing to the Community, equipment for CERT responders and a trailer to transport equipment to emergency incidents, special events and training. Chief Dwyer will be teaching a CPR class at a date in September to be determined. This will complete solid training that Support Group and citizens can use for the benefit of their families and Community.

Staffing Update: Full time Fire Chief and Fire Captain (40 hr). There is an open full time/40 hour per week Firefighter-Engineer position in open recruitment. Supplemental supervision and covering duty shifts are shared by BC Ed Dwyer and Engineer Ryan Howard (anticipating another part time stipend officer being added soon). Five firefighter's staff 24 hour shifts 7 days each week. Two community based firefighters are working full time jobs off the Hill and respond when available. Congratulations to Coleman Johns being hired as a firefighter for Cal Fire Camino Station and Austin Eby, hired as a full time ER Tech at Marshall Hospital. We are proud of both men and their commitment to continue to give back to the Community.

Tony Christensen and Trevor Dillender will start EMT academy in September, graduating in December. We are expecting to also send both to Firefighter 1 academy in the Spring.

OES Engine 4312 is undergoing repairs for pump problems. The issue has been identified and the repairs are in the process of being completed. It is expected that the engine will be returned to us when the repairs are completed- time estimate not known.

TSU Tree Service will be doing a major tree removal operation for PG&E in August. A TSU supervisor contacted me regarding temporary use of our parking area for equipment staging. They will complete a use form per CIRA insurance and present an agreement which TSU would compensate the District for their use of the lot, with conditions specified by the District. This would include designating a parking plan that

does not obstruct the fuel area, a designated area for people parking for District business and rapid response if we have any issues or need a vehicle(s) moved. I will keep the Board informed of progress and we have more information available.

The bridge is anticipated to re-open August 7th, according to County DOT. There will be no piloting of traffic and no daily delays anticipated. There will be intermittent flagging operations from time to time, as needed. We appreciate the Support Group's efforts to organize reopening the road in the event of evacuation during the weeks that Mosquito Road has been closed.

Fire Season 2023 dangerous burning conditions are upon us, after late Spring delays. As the weather improves, increased caution must be taken with outside burning. **If residents find it necessary to cut weeds/grass/vegetation, do it in the cooler morning hours before noon and never when it is windy.**

Remember to practice evacuation procedures and always be aware of two escape routes. It's easy to get cut off during an actual incident.

Our 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. We are happy to conduct an interior or exterior fire safety inspection upon your request. Please call us at 530-626-9017 or stop by the station.

The next MFPD Board meeting will be on August 24th at 7:00 pm at Station 75

MFPD & MVFA Events

Thursday August 3	MVFA Board Meeting- 3pm Station 75
Tuesday August 15	SCPOA Monthly Board Meeting- Station 75- 6pm
Thursday August 24	Fire Board Meeting- 7pm Station 75
Saturday September 16	Pancake Breakfast – 9:00 to 11:00 am Station 75
Saturday October 14 th	Fall Festival at Finnon Lake 10:00 am to 3:00pm
Saturday October 28 th	Trunk-R-Treat at Station 75 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturday December 9 th	Christmas Dinner at Station 75 6:00pm to 8:00pm

MVFA UPDATE

MVFA Board of Directors

BOOKMOBILE

Do your eyes get tired of reading text on a bright screen? Do you yearn to turn the page of an easily readable text and smell the familiar scent of a good book? Well, look no further! The El Dorado County Library Bookmobile is now visiting the Mosquito/Swansboro Community the first Wednesday of every month from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Jackie, the Bookmobile Librarian, has something for everyone and encourages the youth of our community to enjoy her selections. Jackie will be located either at Dyer Lake or in the parking lot of our airport, depending on what shade she can find on a hot summer/fall day. Come visit Jackie, welcome her to our community, and check out a great book to read without the bright background screen lights!

CAMPGROUND NEWS

We had a busy July at the campground. There was not one day during the month where we had an empty campground. We enjoyed a fully booked campground by four different parties during the month. This year has brought us twice as many full campground bookings than before. Many have already booked the same time next year for their family and friends. We appreciate all those who return each year, and they all know they need to book a year in advance now that we have become so busy.

RATTLESNAKE SAFETY

As you may have seen on social media, rattlesnakes are very prevalent this year. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife indicate that most rattlesnake bites happen between April and October, when humans and snakes are most active outdoors. Also, rattlesnakes are the most active at dawn and dusk as they search for shade and shelter. Don't be fooled into believing that a rattlesnake will let you know when you are close by, by rattling the buttons on his tail. It turns out that rattlesnakes rattle when they need to, but seeing a silent rattlesnake is totally normal.

So, what are the recommendations for staying safe during rattlesnake season?

- Be alert, pay attention.
- Never go barefoot through brushy areas. Wear sturdy shoes, not flip-flops, or sandals.
- Make sure children also have proper footwear and clothing when outside.
- Do not stick your hands in places you cannot see. Be especially careful when climbing or gathering firewood.
- Watch out around corners or under plants.
- Bring pets inside at night.
- Keep low-ground landscape to a minimum in the areas of your yard you frequent.

- Rattlesnakes can swim; do not grab what appear to be twigs or branches in the water.
- Watch your step at doorsteps; snakes like to slither along the edges of buildings.
- Do not approach or mess with a dead snake as it can still inject venom.
- Snakes are temperature dependent, so if it is hot, they will probably be in a cool area and if it is cold, they will probably be in a warm area.
- If you see a rattlesnake, keep an eye on it. Rattlesnakes do not travel far but conceal themselves well.
- Call 911 if you need assistance in removing the snake from your property.

IDENTIFYING A RATTLESNAKE

- A rattlesnake has a triangular head and a rattle at the end of their tail. They may only be seen without a rattle if it has broken off.
- Their scales are not smooth but 'keeled' -- raised and textured -- and they are matte, not shiny.
- They are colored in earth tones and the pattern of their scales resembles diamonds.



The next MVFA Board meeting will be on August 3rd at 6:00 pm at Station 75

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for July. The next bird watch is scheduled for Saturday, August 12th. We will meet at the Day Use Parking area on the North side of Finnon Lake, just past the Boat Launch area. We will start at 8:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event.



22 Canada Goose	6 American Coot	4 Spotted Towhee
7 Calif. Quail	1 Bald Eagle	6 Red-winged Blackbird
2 Pie-billed Grebe	4 Acorn Woodpecker	3 Brewer's Blackbird
1 Band-tailed Pigeon	5 Calif. Scrub Jay	8 Great-tailed Grackle

Number of Taxa: 12

CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

The Mosquito Firehouse Crafters have been working hard on various projects. We welcome all interested in crafting, talent is optional 😊. Our meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month. Next meeting is on Friday, August 25th at 10:00 am at 2211 Swansboro Road. If you are interested in joining our group, contact Eileen Reisner at 530 295 0541.



DISTRICT AUXILIARY

by Mosquito District Auxiliary Board of Directors

On July 22 the Mosquito Fire Protection District and District Auxiliary had our pancake breakfast. Our Support Group and the current Board of the fire department also came out to help with setting up, serving and clean up. Our cooks prepared pancakes, sausage, bacon, and scrambled eggs. We had mandarin oranges, bananas, coffee, tea, orange juice and hot chocolate to go along with breakfast. We served just a little over a 100 people and raised. \$1,424 for our fire station. D'AX also had a snow cone machine making snow cones to help everyone cool off with a shaved icy.



Our crafters brought out their amazing crafts for our community to purchase. Thank you to all who attended the breakfast to support our station and thank you to all who helped with making another successful breakfast for our neighbors. It is so nice to see our community coming together and enjoying each other's company while supporting our fire station.



The District Auxiliary's monthly meeting held on Monday, July 24th. Our next pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 16th from 9:00am to 11:00am. We hope you all can attend.

Swansboro Aircraft Display Days

The Swansboro Pilots will be displaying their aircraft on August 11th, 12th and 13th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm daily. Come to the airport and have a look. Questions are always welcome.

Community Cleanup Day

The Swansboro Pilots Association (SPA) would like to thank everyone for participating in our community cleanup day this year and a special thanks to all who donated to our scholarship fund.



SPA would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to unload the 67 cars, trucks and trailers and pack the dumpsters. Special thanks to Sean for doing the super pack down with the excavator to make a lot more room when jumping and rearranging just wasn't enough. We filled both of the 50 yard dumpsters and look forward to doing it again next year.

MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM



Please drop off bags of Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Station 75. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials.



NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic water bottles **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. Lids/caps can be included for redemption. If you have a chance and can remove the lids, it will sure help the recycling volunteers.

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

WANTED

LOCAL ORGAINC FARM seeks small to medium lightweight trailer (I.e.- small horse trailer, small flat bed, boat trailer) to be remade into mobile chicken coop. Have anything sitting around? Open to trade/negotiation. Please reach out if you have something sitting around that you don't use anymore. All trailers considered. Please contact Ryan at: farm3goats@gmail.com

LOCAL ORGANIC FARM

Seeks manure source, specifically goat, sheep, chicken, llama or alpaca. Please contact Ryan at THREE GOATS FARM. (530) 497-4279 or farm3goats@gmail.com (0000)

FOR SALE

UNIQUE JEWELRY

Handmade jewelry using recycled aluminum cans, and more. To view, call Dee at 642-2333. (0722)

MEETINGS

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP

Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship here in Mosquito. We meet Sunday mornings 10 am at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website mfom.net or call (530)295-0503. (0621)

SERVICES

NOTARY SERVICES ON THE HILL

Contact Devon at: 510-719-1247.

FIREWOOD

Tired of paying outrageous prices for wood? I will cut and split downed trees and/or rounds for you. Call Daniel @ 530-919-8878

OXBOW FIREWOOD \$375 for hardwood, \$300 for softwood. Delivery on the hill gratis. Are you cold? Call the Ox 916 862-7511

HOUSE PAINTER – AMERICAN EAGLE PAINTING

Residential/Commercial
Specializing in repaints contact Steven Martinez, (530)-919-7612 or americaleaglepainting4@gmail.com
Lic# 960086

CALI CONSTRUCTION

General contractor 530-903-1869
Decks, fences, siding, flooring, and more.
5% senior or veterans discount.
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HARP TEACHER

Have you always wanted to play the harp? There is now a Harp Teacher in Swansboro. Over 20 years' experience teaching children and adults. I have a few harps available for rent. For more Information, please call 530-344-1531 and ask for Paula or e-mail: harppaula@gmail.com. (1222)

SIERRA SHIELD FIREARMS & TRAINING

Mention MOSQUITO BYTE and get 25% off CA CCW Class. Also, receive FREE box of ammo with each firearm purchase. www.SierraShield.com or call [530-387-0110](tel:530-387-0110). (0622)

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Steel, Stainless Steel, Aluminum. Certified to military standard. Call (530) 621-3300 (0622)

VHS VIDEOS CONVERTED TO DVDs

Have any family vacations, precious memories or baby pictures on videos? I can copy them to DVDs. Call Dee at (530) 642-2333. (0722)

FLORIST ON THE HILL

"I am your community florist providing long lasting flowers for all occasions. We ALWAYS deliver FREE on the hill! Stop by and check out our collection of Honey House products, gifts, jewelry, & handmade cards. Also offering flower subscriptions specifically created for you. Call me Elaine Galvan 530.295.0503 for all your floral needs."

HANGTOWN RANGE

1540 Broadway, Placerville Wednesday – Saturday 10 to 6 and Sunday 10 to 5 with 10 Indoor Shooting and 8 Archery Ranges, Firearms and Recurve Bow rentals, Milo Virtual Shooting Range w/ live fire ammunition, Archery and Handgun classes, CCW classes, One on One training, Basic Pistol Classes, Women's

Classes. Call 530-497-5443 for more information. (0622)

HANDCRAFTED GLASS ITEMS

Birdbaths, flowerpots, plates, bowls, etc. Also, handmade wooden jewelry boxes. Affordable and unique. Studio open most days; call first. Do your gift shopping here on the hill! Call Pam or Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688. (0322)

MOSQUITO CREEK OUTFITTERS

3000 Mosquito Road, Placerville, Tuesday – Friday 9 to 6, Saturday 9 to 5, El Dorado County's premier source for the best hunting, fishing, archery and outdoor products. Mosquito Creek Outfitters is always stocked with the best gear to accompany you wherever you may roam. 530-621-4500 (0622)

REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Live the American Dream: the ownership of a home and a little acreage to call your own! Sally Long Johns, your resident Mosquito Road Realtor, will help you buy or sell any property in El Dorado County! You can reach me at www.mosquitoadneighbors.com or (530)295-4641 or toll free (866)SALLYRE, snlongjohns@yahoo.com. (0000)

Local Area Web Links

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA)
Finnon Lake Recreation Area
Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD)
Swansboro Country Property Owners Association
Mountain Fellowship in Mosquito (MFOM)
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

<https://www.gomvfa.org>
<https://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>
<https://mfpd.us>
<https://scpoa.info>
<https://mfom.net>
www.edcfiresafe.org

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	2	3 MVFA Board Meeting 6pm Station 75	4	5 MFPD Support Group Training 9am Station 75
6 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	7	8 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	9	10	11 Aircraft Display 10am -2pm Airport	12 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 8am Aircraft Display 10am -2pm Airport
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MVFA values and promotes voluntary efforts in our community. MVFA continues to carry on the work begun by its predecessors many years ago. If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Mosquito Fire House, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville at 3:00pm. At the meetings, you have the opportunity to obtain correct and updated information about MVFA and its committees, legal obligations at Finnon Lake and events and volunteer opportunities. Mosquito residents may request a copy of approved MVFA Board meeting minutes by emailing your name and address to mvfa95667@gmail.com, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville CA 95667.

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