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Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



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 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 Ugglia 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 Natrass 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 interested 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).

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.

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.

MVFA UPDATE

by: MVFA Board of Directors

Fire Station Lights

MVFA thanks all who continue to bring their CRV cans and plastic bottles to the station for recycling. With the funds from recycling we were able to purchase 15 new lights for the equipment bay at the fire house. We also thank all the volunteers who installed the lights. It is a big improvement over the old ones that were there. MVFA is grateful to all who came down and sorted and delivered materials to the recycle center. Without all the team work, it would not be possible.

Campground Work

During the winter closure we are concentrating on getting the campground cleaned up and ready for campers. We have a large amount of tree and limb work to be done, along with going through each campsite and picking up debris that has fallen due to the latest snow storm. The larger scale work has been hired out, however closer to time to open we will formulate a volunteer work party to take care of some of the smaller issues. We will post when that will be and invite all those interested in helping. It is a fun day to get together and enjoy the outdoors. We ask that walkers be extra careful when walking around the lake, as there are multiple trees down and limbs are piled all around. So please be heads up and watch your step.

Frank's Diner

We made several improvements to the inside of the diner last year and this year we would like to concentrate on the outside. Some trim needs to be replaced and a fresh coat of paint applied.

Upcoming Events

With the COVID virus we have been unable to conduct the Easter Egg Hunt the last couple of years. We are looking forward to being able to restore this event for the community. The time and further event information will be provided in the March Byte and on social media.

April 16, 2022 Easter Egg Hunt
May 14, 2022 Spaghetti dinner
June 11, 2022 Yard Sale
October 15, 2022 Harvest Festival
October 29, 2022 Trunk or Treat
December 10, 2022 Christmas Dinner

Amazon Smile

Since Covid hit, many of us have been ordering more online and likely through Amazon. If you have been ordering through Amazon we would encourage you to use Amazon Smile. In doing so you can choose a charity and they will donate a small portion to your chosen charity.

If you don't have a specific charity you have already chosen, we would appreciate your considering MVFA.

Classified Ads

If you subscribe to the Byte, and you own a business, you may advertise that business in the Byte at no charge. Send any advertising request to: mbyte.editor@gmail.com

Leash Law Reminder

It is a county ordinance that all dogs must be on a leash while at the Finnon Recreation Area. To maintain a safe and incident free environment we ask that you abide by this ordinance requirement.

The next MVFA board meeting will be on February 3rd at 3:00pm at the Fire House,

Crafters

by Eileen Reisner

MVFA Firehouse Crafters will hold our first meeting since COVID on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be held at Darlene Rood's home located at 2211 Swansboro Road. The first meeting will be a chance to share ideas for future sales. If you have been working on some projects, bring them along to share with the group. All proceeds from our sales goes to the MVFA Station 75 Fund, used to buy needed items for the Mosquito Fire Station. For information call Eileen Reisner at 530-295-0541.

Birding at Finnon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for January. The next bird watch is scheduled for the February 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 9:00 A.M. There is no parking charge to the participants of this free event.



7 Canada Goose
8 Mallard
2 Ring-necked Duck
10 Bufflehead
4 Common Merganser
2 Pied-billed Grebe
100 American Coot
1 Great Blue Heron

3 Bald Eagle
27 Acorn Woodpecker
10 Northern Flicker
2 Steller's Jay
18 California Scrub-Jay
2 Common Raven
2 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
30 Western Bluebird

1 Hermit Thrush
20 Lesser Goldfinch
1 Dark-eyed Junco
1 Spotted Towhee
4 Brewer's Blackbird

Number of Taxa: 21

Franks Diner
by Frank Ethridge

“While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch.” — **Patience Strong**



Welcome to February. We are planning Valentine's Day Dinner on Sunday the 13th, be on the lookout on Facebook, Nextdoor, or www.franksmosquitodiner.com for details coming soon.

Dates to Remember

Valentine's Day Dinner February 13th @ 5:00 pm (We will be closed until 5 pm)

Frank's Winter Diner Hours:

Wednesday -Thursday 11 am – 7 pm
Friday 12 pm - 7 pm
Saturday-Sunday 8 am - 7 pm
Monday-Tuesday – Closed

(Breakfast served on the weekends only)

(530) 409-1977

www.franksmosquitodiner.com

Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$12.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

2nd-Wraps and a salad

9th-Meatloaf

16th-Spaghetti

23rd-Chicken Enchiladas

Recipe of the Month - Here is something easy to pull together for dinner or a weekend brunch: Broccoli Ham Quiche

Ingredients:

1 unbaked deep-dish pie crust (9 inches)
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
4 large eggs, lightly beaten
1-1/2 cups whole milk

2 tablespoons chopped green onion
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon dried thyme
1/8 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
1/2 cup diced fully cooked ham
1/2 cup chopped fresh broccoli

Directions

1. Line unpricked pie crust with a double thickness of heavy-duty foil. Bake at 450° for 8 minutes. Remove foil; bake 5 minutes longer. Cool on a wire rack while preparing filling.
2. Toss cheeses with flour; set aside. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, milk, onion, and seasonings. Stir in the ham, broccoli, and cheese mixture. Pour into prepared crust.
3. Bake at 350° for 55-60 minutes or until set. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

The 2021 Mosquito Phone Book
by Adam Reisner

2021 MOSQUITO PHONE BOOK. The Mosquito Phone Book contains information on our Mosquito/Swansboro area such as, Who Are They (MVFA, MFPD & SCPOA), Helpful Area Phone Numbers, a Timeline History of Mosquito, Mosquito Fire Department History & Other Useful Information, Map of our Area, and Residential & Business listings. The Phone Book is available at the Mosquito Fire Station 75 at 8801 Rock Creek Road (530)626-9017 or Franks Diner for \$5 per copy. The Mosquito Phone Book is published every 2 years. For changes to the Phone Book, email us at mosquitophbook@gmail.com or mail the information to: MVFA, phone book 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville CA 95667. Residential and business listings are free to list.



MVFA SWAG
by Paula Paynter

MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts in a variety of sizes and colors, Tote Bags and Local Phone books are also for sale at Frank's Diner during normal business hours or at MVFA sponsored events. Custom orders can be taken and delivered on the next re-order schedule. For custom orders, contact Paula Paynter at: 530-621-3286



T-Shirts S-XL	\$20.00	Hooded Pullovers S-XL	\$35.00
T-Shirts – XXL	\$22.00	Hooded with Zipper S-XL	\$40.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts S-XL	\$30.00	Hooded with Zipper XXL	\$42.00
Crewneck Sweatshirts XXL	\$32.00		

MVFA Grocery Tote Bags are: 1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00 or 4 for \$12.00

MVFA CRV Recycle Program



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 no Glass)

NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic **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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WANTED

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

Having a hard time finding the book Goat Doctor of the Sierra's? I still have some left from the Harvest Festival. \$20 each. Proceeds support MFPD. Call Taffy at 530 626-8689.

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

House Painter – American Eagle

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

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)

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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)

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)

UNIQUE JEWELRY

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

FLORIST ON THE HILL

Your source for fresh, local, organic and international flowers. All occasions deserve flowers. Call me 530.295.0503 Elaine Galvan for a specially made arrangement or buy individual blooms to brighten your day. Always delivered FREE on the hill! (0622)

Hangtown Range

1540 Broadway, Placerville Tuesday – Saturday 9 to 8 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

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

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)

NOTARY SERVICE

I'm a mobile Notary Public living here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at (530)295-0503 (0622)

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

Upcoming Events:

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

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	2 Frank's Family Night Wraps & Salad	3 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Station 75	4	5 Support Group Training 10am Station 75
6	7	8 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	9 Frank's Family Night Meatloaf	10	11	12 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 9 am
13 Valentine's Day MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	14	15 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	16 Frank's Family Night Spaghetti	17	18	19
20 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	21	22	23 Frank's Family Night Chicken Enchiladas	24 MFPD Board Meeting, 7pm Fire House	25	26 SCPOA Members Annual Meeting 10am Maintenance Shed & Zoom
27 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	28					

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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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