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Happy New Year!

CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: November 14-December 19

Fires- 3 (Structure Fire (2)- Dryer Fire, Water Tender request cancelled)
Vehicle Accident- 1 (single vehicle rollover (bridge construction zone)- 1 air ambulance), Medical Aid- 2, Public Assist- 5

On Thursday December 15th at 7:03pm, firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire on Stope Dr. There was a fire board study session at Station 75. There were five firefighters in the station at the time along with several Support Group members. All responded immediately. The first units arrived at 7:09pm to find a single story residence heavily involved in fire with flames shooting through the roof. The residents and all but one of their dogs made it safely outside. The one remaining dog was found by the homeowner, revived, given oxygen by firefighters, and is doing well now. Veterinarian Dr. Al Raymond gave the cats a physical exam and treated them for smoke and heat exposure. 21 firefighters, including 10 from Mosquito FD, responded and contained the fire to the house without spreading to two RVs nearby. Thanks to the dedication of our firefighters, two adult cats and two kittens were rescued from a bedroom after the fire had been contained. They are frightened but are doing well. 11 Support Group members responded and provided firefighter rehab (hydration and medical monitoring) and road control. Assistance was provided by Cal Fire, County Fire, and Garden Valley Fire. The fire heavily damaged the house and its contents. The cause is under investigation.

With fire season 2022 now behind us, a reminder that burn permits are required, obtained on-line only. 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.

Firefighters Kyle Elledge and Quintin Anderson have completed State approved Fire Apparatus Operator training through Sierra College. Engineer Devin Hern and Firefighter Coleman Johns continue their Firefighter 1 certification through Consumnes River College, moving onto their Firefighter 2 training with an internship program through the Consumnes Fire District in the Spring. They will be required to work shifts as a part of their practical training and continual skills testing. Firefighter Heidi Glockner and Engineer Ryan Hopkins will attend EMT school in 2023. We are also hoping to place these folks through Firefighter 1 academy, depending on schedules.

This is the time of year, as the season turns cold, to use caution with fireplaces, wood stoves and portable heating devices. Placement of portable heating devices is critical, to prevent the ignition of combustible materials such as beds and couches. An annual safety check and cleaning of the chimney or wood stove pipe will prevent a fire which could spread into the attic. Now is also the time to check batteries for smoke detectors. Always have a functioning carbon monoxide detector. At a recent incident we were reminded to make sure dryer lint is frequently removed. Dryer lint provides a perfect source of fuel for a fire, ignited by high heat. We are happy to conduct an interior or exterior fire safety inspection upon your request. Please contact Captain Lugo @ 530-626-9017.

Below is a list of important dates. Community members are always welcome to attend Tuesday night training and meet our firefighters and Support Group members. Our training is currently focused on winter storm preparedness and structure fire response.

We continue to provide addressing signs for residents and installing in the Community. Firefighters put together signs and mount it at the best location at a resident's property. The cost of the sign is \$35. Contact Captain Lugo at mlugo@mfpd.us for ordering.

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. Please call us at 530-626-9017 or stop by the station.

This concludes my report. I will continue to update our projects and report progress. We appreciate the great support we receive from the Community and its commitment to being prepared. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at the fire station (626-9017) or email jrosevear@mfpd.us.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday January 5, MVFA Monthly Board meeting- 3pm- Station 75
Saturday January 7, Firefighter Pancake Breakfast 8am-10am- Station 75
Tuesday January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm- Station 75- Public Welcome

<p>The next MFPD board meeting will be on January 26th at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse</p>
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MVFA Update

MVFA Board of Directors

December was a very busy holiday month. Here's hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas. We want to thank all those that came out for the MVFA Christmas dinner and the Firefighter's tree lighting. It was a blustery weather day but there was lots of warmth and fun inside the station. Santa was there to greet all the kids and hand out stockings. It was so fun to see all the faces of the little ones as they enjoyed their chat with Santa. We were all so happy that Santa and his helpers were able to make it, in spite of the nasty conditions. We served over 100 people which was amazing considering the weather situation. The dinner was cooked by Frank and Heidi which was very tasty! We can't thank them enough for all they do for the community. We had turkey and ham along with all the fixings. Frank also made his famous carrot soufflé and bread pudding which is loved by all.

The tree lighting was unable to take place due to the weather outside, but there was a tree inside, so that made it very festive. A special thank you to all who came and helped set up, serve and break down. We could not have done it without everyone's help.

MVFA Campground Update

Why Do I Need to Keep My Dog On A Leash?

My dog is really friendly and well behaved. He/She likes people and other dogs!



That's a response heard often at Finnon Lake Recreation Area and at Frank's Diner from dog owners. Here are a couple of very good reasons why it is smart to keep your dog on a leash, besides it being the law.

If your dog is unleashed and comes across a more aggressive dog on a leash, that dog or your own may feel more anxious or territorial. Every dog is capable of becoming physically engaged with another dog when circumstances create a threatening situation. The only way to safely intervene in these situations is to have a leash on your dog and be in control of the other end. When an unfortunate incident happens, in addition to your dog suffering potential serious injury, you can be held liable for your pet's actions.

Many folks use our lake and not everyone you and your pet encounters are dog lovers. When you are at Finnon Lake you have no idea when you or your pet will come in contact with another individual. You will not know which of the people around you are dog lovers and which may fear or distrust dogs. None of this is your dog's fault, and though most people may love your friendly dog trotting up to them, not all will.

Please be a respectful dog owner and keep your dog on a leash and in your constant control while enjoying the Finnon Lake Recreation Area facilities.

MVFA 2023 UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

Easter Egg Hunt at Finnon Lake	April 8th - 10:30 am
Yard Sale at Station 75 parking lot	May 6th - 8 am to Noon
Spaghetti Dinner at Station 75	June 3rd - 6:00 pm
Fall Festival at Finnon Lake	October 14th - 10 am - 3 pm
Trunk-R-Treat at Station 75	October 28th - 6-8 pm
Christmas Dinner at Station 75	December 9th - 6-8pm

CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

MVFA Mosquito Firehouse Crafters participated in the 23rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair in Placerville. We really outdid ourselves; sales were \$2,500 from this year's event. We have been fortunate to have some new crafters join the team bringing new ideas!

We also participated in the December 3rd Christmas sale at the Fire Station. We made \$600.00 and an additional \$200.00 since the sale! All proceeds for the above sales will go into the MVFA Station 75 Fund.

An additional opportunity has come our way, we have been asked to have our crafts sold in a local consignment store on Main Street. Michelle Ryan owner of the The Wild Pea is allowing the crafters to put our merchandise in her store. The Wild Pea offers new and used children's products. We see this as a way of bringing funds in throughout the year. The Wild Pea is located at 464 Main Street, in Placerville. We encourage those of you with young ones to visit this unique store. The store is keeping 25% of the proceeds, 75% will go into the MVFA Station 75 Fund.

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for November. The next bird watch is scheduled for January 14th. 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.



1 Canada Goose	1 Double-crested	1 Common Raven
1 Mallard	Cormorant	2 Oak Titmouse
6 Ring-necked Duck	1 Turkey Vulture	1 Bushtit
18 Bufflehead	1 Red-breasted	37 Western Bluebird
6 Common Merganser	Sapsucker	20 American Robin
4 Pied-billed Grebe	4 Acorn Woodpecker	2 Cassin's Finch
200 American Coot	2 Northern Flicker	12 Lesser Goldfinch
4 Spotted Towhee		

Number of Taxa: 20

Amazon Smile

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 Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association.

FRANKS DINER

by Frank Ethridge

“The book is called *Opportunity*, and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.” —*Edith Lovejoy Pierce, poet*

Happy New Year 2023. We hope everyone had a fabulous holiday.



Frank's Winter Diner Hours:

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

(Breakfast served on the weekends only)

(530) 409-1977

Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$14.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

4th-Macaroni and Cheese
11th-Chicken Enchiladas
18th-Meatloaf
25th-BBQ Ribs

Recipe of the Month

Cranberry Orange Scones

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 10 teaspoons sugar, divided
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/3 cup cold butter
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup half-and-half cream
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1 tablespoon 2% milk
- **GLAZE (optional):**
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- **ORANGE BUTTER:**
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2 to 3 tablespoons orange marmalade

Directions

- 1. In a large bowl, combine the flour, 7 teaspoons of sugar, orange zest, baking powder, salt, and baking soda. Cut in butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs; set aside. In a small bowl, combine the cranberries, orange juice, cream, and egg. Add to flour mixture and stir until a soft dough forms.
- 2. On a floured surface, gently knead 6-8 times. Pat dough into an 8-inch. circle. Cut into 10 wedges. Separate wedges and place them on a greased baking sheet. Brush with milk; sprinkle with remaining sugar.
- 3. Bake at 400° until lightly browned, 12-15 minutes. Remove to a wire rack.
- 4. Combine glaze ingredients if desired; drizzle over scones. Combine orange butter ingredients; serve with warm scones.

MVFA SWAG

by Paula Paynter



MVFA offers your choice of Mosquito T-Shirts and Sweatshirts 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 of Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass) from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Fire Station. 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.

MVFA THANK'S 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)

LOCAL ELECTRICIAN for installation of generator fuse panel with house fuse panel. Please call with est. 530-295-1531

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.

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

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)

WELDING & FABRICATION

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

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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)

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

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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 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)

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

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, snljohns@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)

<https://www.gomvfa.org>

<https://www.finnonrecreationarea.com/>

<https://mfpd.us>

<https://scpoa.info>

<https://mfom.net>

www.edcfiresafe.org

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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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