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Chief's Report

By Eddie Dwyer

I. The Department

1. We continue to prep Squad 75 for service and expect to have it in service with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, October 13. Last month's JPA Systems Status meeting was cancelled, causing a delay in submitting a proposal to operate Squad 75 with transport capability. Once approved by the JPA we will have to petition the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors as we seek to place the squad in the system as an ambulance during extreme regional emergencies.
2. Due to an increasing request for WT 75, through the end of the Fire Season we will be placing a third Firefighter on duty Friday through Sunday. With Supplemental Volunteer coverage this will ensure firefighters remain available in the Fire District.
3. Anyone requiring building plans review, please remember that you must schedule an appointment with the Fire Marshal and submit electronic plans and blueprints.
4. Received a grant for from FEMA in the amount of \$41,299. This is for the installation of a vehicle exhaust system.



II. Personnel

This last month has been extremely taxing on our personnel. They have had several medical responses requiring air transport, a fatal motorcycle accident, fires and out-of-county deployments. They have experienced long deployments on the CARR Fire, the Stone Fire and the Sliger Fire.

Our personnel remain integral to County Operations with the response to the Sliger Fire here in El Dorado County. The fire had a dangerous rate of spread with the winds out of the south west pushing the fire east through the American River Canyon. If the Sliger Fire had remained unchecked, it had the potential to burn eastward through the American River Canyon with the potential for severely impacting north eastern regions of the West Slope including burn activities like the King Fire. The Crew of WT 75 operated on the fire line for over 50 hours straight with no rest periods.

As the Fire Season reaches its pinnacle, it is imperative that we remain active in the County Response Matrix. This not only provides us with external coverage, it provides our personnel with the experience and skills necessary to operate under extreme conditions.

III. Information

1. **CALFIRE** has placed a ban on all outside burning except those fires used for warming and cooking, these fires must be in designated camp grounds. Please do not leave any fire unattended, and ensure they are completely extinguished. On Red Flag Days, there is a complete ban on open burning.
2. This month we are taking delivery of the Draeger SCBA Systems from Diamond Springs Fire. They have inventoried the equipment and will assist MFPD with fit testing for proper mask sizing.

3. MFPD Personnel will continue to make regular patrols to Rock Creek, Finnon Reservoir, the upper district and forest. We continue to find illegal cooking fires in non-campground locations and educate persons involved.
4. The Firefighters held a very successful Pancake Breakfast and would like to express their gratitude to the community for the wonderful support.
5. MVFA held a Spaghetti Dinner here at the Fire Station September 29, 2018.

IV. The Station

The Firefighters are working on revamping the tool room, to provide greater security for EMS supplies with environmentally controlled ability for Storage of Medication for Advanced Life Support.

V. Equipment

We will be fitting new District Decals on all Fire Apparatus

- E 275 No reported problems.
- WT 75 Is in Quarters and available for deployment in ROSS
- E 75 No reported problems.
- C 75 The newer expedition will be going in for body and paint repairs and will become the interim Command Unit.
- E 75 No reported issues.
- U75 No reported Issues.
- SQ 75 Should be operational by Mid October. It will be placed into operations as an EMS Response vehicle. All personnel with a Class C Driver's license will be able to operate this unit to respond to Medical Emergencies. Once we have approval and agreements in place it will also be able to be used to transport ill and injured patients to a Helispot without having to wait for an incoming ambulance. We have confirmed that it can cross over the Mosquito Bridge. In times of extreme weather where Rock Creek Road is compromised or closed we hope to be able to transport Medical Patients to a waiting JPA ambulance on the South side of the Mosquito Bridge, or in times of extreme delay directly to Marshall Hospital.

VI. Calls for Service

In July we received 18 requests for service.

Medical: BLS (Basic Life Support)
 3 ALS *** (Advanced Life Support)

All requests for Medical assistance were at the level requiring Advanced Life Support capabilities. Due to current staffing limitations, District Paramedics were not available on all of the calls for medical assistance.

Public Assist:	1	Fire Alarms	0
Agency Assist	1	Request for M/A Overhead	
Traffic Collision	2	Command Staffing	1
Fire/Smoke Check/	4**	State Mutual Aid	1 (Stone Fire)
Debris Burns	0	Electrical Hazards	1

The Support Group was essential to operations on eight call outs to assist with road closures and traffic control and Helispot coordination.

** District Personnel responded to 4 working fires in August.

*** Medical calls where Fire District Paramedics were available to respond.

**The next MFPD Board meeting is
Thursday, October 11th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.**

MVFA

By the MVFA Board of Directors

Trunk-R-Treat

Halloween is approaching. The annual "Trunk-R-Treat" at the Finnon Lake campground is on **Sunday, October 28th from 6:30 to 8:00PM**. Volunteer for "Trunkers" call Eileen Guell at 642-3588 or Linda Heyart at (702) 236-9138. Trunkers will start setting up their vehicles at 6:00PM. This event will be followed by a camp fire and weenie roast for all "Trunkers" and volunteers. The alternate site for this event in case of rain is the Mosquito Fire Station. Watch our website for updates or changes: www.finnonrecreationarea.com. Click the "Events" page.

Veterans Day Veterans Meet and Great

November 11th is Veterans Day. Frank & Heidi will host a Meet up of Mosquito area veterans and their families at Frank's Diner at 3:00PM on **Sunday November 11th**. Complimentary coffee and sweets will be served. This is a chance for veterans of our community of all ages and service branches to meet and greet.

MVFA Elections

Beginning in October, MVFA will take nominations for three seats on the MVFA Board of Directors - by US mail or email. Nominations for representation on the Board will be made during our regular Board meeting held in November following the priorities outlined in Article III of the MVFA by-laws, which are posted on the GoMVFA.com website under "Who Are We". General elections will now take place by hand or written ballot at the general membership meeting in December to prevent interference with the MVFA Christmas Dinner. The MVFA mailing address is 9009 Orval Beckett Ct. Placerville 95667. The email address is mvfa95667@gmail.com.

MVFA continues the work that it began many years ago. MVFA volunteers are residents who simply want to give back to their community, and make it a better place. MVFA respects our veterans, peace officers and our flag, and supports the excellent staff of our fire department. If you wish to enhance your membership in MVFA, or seek a position on the board, become a volunteer on one of our many committees - at Finnon or at our annual events. (Go to www.finnonrecreationarea.com and click on the "Events" page.)

If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. If you would like to donate, please send your check with a note specifying so to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct, Placerville CA 95667. Or visit www.GoMVFA.org - major credit cards accepted. 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 upon request.

If you have any questions about MVFA please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at Frank's Diner. Fish and Wildlife committee chairman Dave Angelo or Campground & Property Committee chairman Tom Harris can also be reached by email at: mvfa95667@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Notice: The views expressed in public or on social media by individual board members may not represent the views or policies of the MVFA Board.

Please join us for the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.

Getting Reliable and Useful Information in the World of SCPOA

by Roger Stenbock

As always, this is my personal report and not a SCPOA board communication. Recently I was curious about our use of the Dyer Lake common area. Checking scpoa.info, the Association site, provided some information. Wanting more? I Googled "scpoa" or "scpoa info" and similar search terms. Low and behold, I got several hits. Many had nothing to do with our SCPOA in California or the Mosquito Swansboro area. But four sites did. They were scpoa.net, scpoa.info, scpoa-info.net and gomvfa.org. I check each site. On the scpoa-info.net site I found the following information and I quote in part:

1. **Gomvfa.org** It provides a wonderful source of information for the greater Mosquito and Fannon recreational area and serves the larger Mosquito district and the SCPOA community. It is supported by an all-volunteer staff and it also publishes some SCPOA reports in its monthly Byte newsletter.

2. **Scpoa.net** Next up was scpoa.net. It is one of the official SCPOA web sites. As I recall, in 2017 there was an attempt to resurrect the official SCPOA site, but for some reason it was abandoned. Maybe this was an attempt to do that. I noticed that some text on this site also appeared on other sites. In any case, it seems to be no longer updated.

3. **Scpoa.info** Many of us have visited scpoa.info. It is the official web site published by the SCPOA board of directors. It is shock-full of information and has many of the official SCPOA documents. It should be consulted for official SCPOA matters. To be sure, the SCPOA board members are elected volunteers. They get it right nearly all of the time. They need and deserve our support. But like many of us, they are a little sensitive when they don't. As a result, they may find it difficult to report their missteps and tend to spin their reports and newsletters in light most favorable for the directors.

4. **Scpoa-info.net** This site seems to be the new kid on the block. It provides a lot of direct editorial contents. Quoting from the site: "It is the unofficial news site for SCPOA members. It is independent of the board. Any SCPOA member may post anything related to the SCPOA community – within reason. Thus, it gives an opportunity for community members to exercise their 1st amendment rights and voice their opinions straight up – with no sugarcoating. This includes laudable achievements by the SCPOA board and outcomes that did not fare as well. Unlike the other sites, this site also accepts "opinion editorial" (op-ed) pieces. These are written pieces expressing the opinion of an author not affiliated with the administrator(s). If you wish to submit an op-ed, contact the administrator. It also allows blog posting, similar to Nextdoor.

5. **Nextdoor** Let's not forget Nextdoor. It is a social media site all its own. If you need an immediate social media fix, or need some info right away, this is the site for you. Remember Nextdoor is heavy on opinion and sometimes brutal on facts.

I have to agree with the scpoa-info.net motto. Information is power and is always beneficial. Living our life based on facts, making informed decisions, is the foundation of a free and thriving community. So, the next time you need to get into the know, check out any of these sites. On the other hand, sometimes a good talk with your neighbor does more than any amount of time on the internet.

The SCPOA Board meets Thursday, October 18th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. You are welcome to attend!

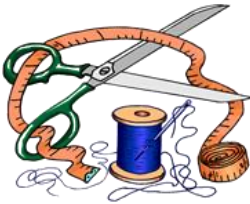
Mosquito Firefighters Association (MFA)

by Johnny Valenzuela

MaxMuscle of Placerville owner, Jon Meyer, launched a campaign for donations of school supplies for area schools. Mosquito Firefighters Association set up a collection bin to receive donations from the hill to be taken down to MaxMuscle for distribution. MFA collected donations for approximately two weeks ending on September 1st. Thank you to all of the generous neighbors that brought donations of crayons, pencils, pens, binders, document folders, and more. The donation was split into two donations which went to Indian Creek Elementary and Herbert C. Green Middle School. We look forward to expanding our reach and collaborating with our local businesses to make an impact in our greater area. If you happen to be near MaxMuscle Placerville on Missouri Flat, stop in and say hello to Jon, take a look at his nutrition shop and let him know you're from Mosquito. We thank Jon for supporting our Mosquito Firefighters, and we are happy to extend the support back to him! Follow him on Facebook and Instagram: MaxMusclePlacerville or visit him at the shop: 4615 Missouri Flat Rd - Placerville

Crafters

by Sharon Hern



This is our LAST Craft Meeting for this year as well as our last Craft Meeting before our Holiday Craft Faire on November 9 & 10. We still have a lot of finishing of projects to do **so.....**If you're a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint, etc. jobs, you are encouraged to come join us at our Craft Meeting. There's the fun of learning new crafts, meeting new friends, coffee, and goodies. Our next meeting is on **October 26th** (see time and location below). Our craft meetings are generally held on the **4th Friday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon**. Don't miss out on the Friday Fun Day

and see our Holiday projects!!!

Don't forget October 26th 10 am to 12 noon at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you then.

MFVA Apparel

by Maryann Haywood

The holidays are right around the corner and what a nicer gift than an MVFA tee shirt or hooded zip up sweatshirt. Frank's Diner has a limited supply. We will be placing a new order for them in November. If you are looking for a special color, size or sleeve length, please call Mary Ann Haywood at 530 622-5477. She places the orders and has all the details as to what is available and she will be happy to help you with your order.

Franks Diner

by The Staff

September was an awesome month at Frank's Diner. We closed the season with some great music from the Side-Wheeler String Band along with Frank's Chili. Thank You to all who came and participated at our events.

Note: Franks Diner will be closed on October 5th-7th (Friday through Sunday)

Well it's October and things are cooling down. It's time to pull out some fall recipes and get cooking. I have butternut squash in my garden (lots of it), let's make some soup.

Recipe of the Month: Butternut Apple Soup with Ginger



★★★★★

[5 from 1 reviews](#)

A simple recipe for Roasted Butternut Apple Soup with Ginger, Coconut, Pumpkin Seeds and optional [Sumac](#) – vegan and gluten free.

Author: Sylvia Fountaine | Feasting at Home Blog

Prep Time: 20 mins

Cook Time: 30 mins

Total Time: 50 mins

Yield: 4

Ingredients

- 1 small butternut (2.5 pounds -or 4 cups of cooked butternut)
- 2 tablespoons [coconut oil](#), or [olive oil](#)
- 2 apples- gala, fuji, honey crisp – diced
- 2 large shallots (or 1 onion)- diced
- 5 fat garlic cloves – rough chopped
- 1 tablespoon ginger – rough chopped
- 2 cups veggie stock
- 2 cups water (or a ¼ -½ cup less for a thicker soup)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons maple
- 1 teaspoon [apple cider vinegar](#)
- pinch cayenne, optional
- Garnish- pumpkin seeds, [sumac](#), warm coconut milk, sautéed diced apple (sauté in [coconut oil](#))

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425F
2. Split the butternut in half lengthwise, place open side down, on a greased or parchment lined, rimmed sheet-pan. Roast 30 minutes or until easily pierced with a fork, through the skin at the top, narrow end.
3. While the butternut is roasting, chop the onion, apple, garlic and ginger.
4. Heat [coconut oil](#) in a large heavy bottom pot or [dutch oven](#), over medium heat.
5. Add onion and apple and cook 5 minutes, stirring, then add garlic and ginger, and cook 4-5 more minutes, turning heat down to med low. It will smell divine. Turn heat off.
6. When butternut is tender, flip them over, let them cool down, enough to handle, then scoop out seeds. Scoop out flesh and place in a bowl, you should have 3 ½ to 4 cups.
7. Add the apple onion mixture to the same bowl.
8. Then, blend with the stock and water, in batches, until very smooth, using a [blender](#). (Hold lid down tight with a kitchen towel) If you like a thicker soup, add less water, thinner soup, more water.
9. Add the blended soup back into the same pot and warm over low heat. Add salt, maple, [apple cider vinegar](#). Taste.
10. To serve, divide among bowls, spoon heated coconut milk over top (or stir some into the pot) sprinkle with pumpkin seeds & [sumac](#) (optional) and sautéed apples.

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Birding at Fannon Lake

by Dave Angelo

Due to an oversight in last month's Mosquito Byte the birding results for the August observation will be left out. So, this month, both August and September are included here. If you are interested in joining us, the next bird watch is scheduled for 9:00 am on **Saturday, October 20th**. We meet at the pavilion side of Frank's Diner.

August Results

2 Canada Goose	4 Northern Shoveler	1 California Quail
1 Pied-billed Grebe	6 Turkey Vulture	4 American Coot (Red-shielded)
5 Band-tailed Pigeon	10 Acorn Woodpecker	1 Northern Flicker
1 Black Phoebe	3 California Scrub-Jay	6 Violet-green Swallow
15 Bushtit	1 White-breasted Nuthatch	4 Western Bluebird
1 California Towhee	3 Brewer's Blackbird	1 Great-tailed Grackle
1 Lesser Goldfinch		



Number of Taxa: 19

September Results

2 Canada Goose	8 Mallard/Mexican Duck	2 Pied-billed Grebe
1 Band-tailed Pigeon	1 Mourning Dove	13 American Coot (Red-shielded)
1 Great Egret	1 Belted Kingfisher	10 Western Wood-Pewee
5 Black Phoebe	1 Common Raven	6 Violet-green Swallow
20 Bushtit	6 Lesser Goldfinch	10 White-breasted Nuthatch (Pacific)
10 Wrentit	6 Western Bluebird	3 European Starling

Number of Taxa: 18

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October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Frank's Family Night <i>Burrito (Beef or Chicken)</i>	4 MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm Frank's Diner	5	6 Support Group 10 am Fire Station
7	8	9	10 Frank's Family Night <i>Pork Loin</i> Meet and Greet Michael Renalli, District 4 EDC Dorado Supervisor from 5 – 8pm	11 MFPD Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	12 Yoga at Finnon	13 Yoga at Finnon
14 Yoga at Finnon	15	16	17 Frank's Family Night <i>Eggplant Parmesan</i>	18 SCPOA Board Meeting 7 pm Fire Station	19	20 Birding at Finnon Lake 9 am Finnon Lake Pavilion
21	22	23	24 Frank's Family Night <i>Greek Pita (Chicken or Veg)</i>	25	26 Crafters 10 am at Darlene Rood's house	27
28 TRUNK R TREAT – 6:30 – 8pm Finnon Lake	29	30	31 Frank's Family Night <i>Worms & Blood (Spaghetti)</i>	1 November MVFA Board Meeting 7 pm Frank's Diner	2	3 Support Group 10 am Fire Station

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