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CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: August 22-September 19

Fires- 2 (Tender to Georgetown for Mosquito Incident-OES 4613 deployed to several incidents)

Smoke Check- 1

Medical Aid- 2

Public Assist- 2

Electrical Hazard- 1

The Mosquito Fire, named after it's start on Mosquito Ridge Road in Placer County, at the Oxbow Reservoir, started Tuesday afternoon, September 6th. The fire was predicted to jump to the south side of the American River at some point below Volcanoville, with steep slope which could carry the fire rapidly into their community. Plans were made for structure protection and on Thursday afternoon September 8th, the fire made a fast run through houses in Volcanoville. Water Tender 75 with a crew of two firefighters were sent to the Georgetown to assist engines with structure protection, if needed.

As the fire made a strong run through Volcanoville, fire engines had to seek refuge as the fire passed through. I received a telephone call from the Georgetown Fire Chief, who gave me an update regarding the intensity of the fire with structure loss and recommended that we prepare for evacuation. Our firefighters and Support Group were called back to the station to staff apparatus and stand-by while the situation in Volcanoville developed. I directed personnel to disperse in teams to first notify residents closest to the north and east edges of our District to prepare for potential evacuation. It was important for potentially exposed residents to be aware of the fire, as we were unable to determine where the fire was located. There was coordination with the EDSO/OES staff regarding the potential of fire threat to our community and an evacuation warning was confirmed. EDSO advised that a Code Red warning would be transmitted, but there would be delays due to mandatory evacuation of the Georgetown and Garden Valley.

Our personnel continued with notification to our residents of the evacuation warning status. Approximately 90 minutes passed before the official warning was issued by EDSO. Normally, a warning would be communicated immediately by EDSO/Code Red and Sheriff would physically handle any mandatory evacuation. We would follow their direction for assistance as they require. For a threatening fire in our community, deputies immediately respond along with mutual aid fire engines and Cal Fire. With this particular incident, there were widespread

evacuations happening closer to the fire in Georgetown and Volcanoville. It was important for our residents to know what was happening so they could be prepared, without delay.

The huge spiraling smoke column loomed large north of us, as we continued to determine the exact location of the fire, including driving out Mosquito Road into the forest. Before sunset, we requested and were granted utilizing Kim Purcell's airplane to get a better view from above. Once in the air, Captain Lugo was able to determine that the fire was a distance away, being held up by prevailing winds from the southwest. It was later determined that the fire accelerated into Volcanoville due to fuel and terrain, but slowed down as it got into flat ground. The fire front came within less than one half mile of Wentworth Springs Road and was held back by prevailing winds and additional resources dispatched to make sure the fire did not cross. The trigger point of mandatory evacuation for us, was determined to be if and when the fire crossed Wentworth Springs Road.

We appreciate our staff for being available for the Community, when needed most. All District fire apparatus were staffed with firefighters and maintained above average staffing during this incident. We also thank Kim Purcell for the use of her aircraft, giving us a better idea of what distance the fire needed to clear before reaching our community. The fire may have reached us, except for the skill of firefighters along the southern flank of the fire and the daytime prevailing winds which pushed the fire away from us. Of comparable communities in El Dorado County, Grizzly Flat and Volcanoville have both suffered significant fire damage. In Volcanoville, the fire engines, initially driven out, were able to re-engage after the fire front passed. They saved many homes by putting out active spot fires around structures. Those homes would have been lost without the return of firefighters. This was a very dangerous fire, which could have been much worse.

A special thanks to Board President James Young for his leadership, skills and time spent staffing the station and apparatus during the crisis.

The evacuation warning was lifted by EDSO on Sunday September 18th, with a rainstorm that will slow the fire down considerably. The multi-day storm will give firefighters a great opportunity to significantly increase containment on the fire.

We are in the process of critiquing and making improvements to our evacuation procedures. The fire did not damage our Community, which is the best possible outcome, followed by our ability to staff and respond as needed. Our staff provided maximum coverage for our station and apparatus, answered hundreds of calls, questions and visits from Community members and other concerned citizens. We maintained close communication with the EDSO, fire personnel both on the fire line and within the management team. I am proud and pleased of the committed effort that our personnel put forth for our Community.

OES 4613 has returned to Station 75 after three weeks of deployment and one crew rotation. The engine was assigned to almost a week of work on the south side of the Mosquito Incident. Both crews were responsible for contributing to keeping the fire from advancing towards us. We appreciate their hard work and commitment to the Community.

Our apparatus room has received two new coats of paint with new colors. We appreciate Lisa Rivera and Natasha Cutter for the many hours of creative work, to make the station a better place for the public and our personnel. Both Lisa and Natasha are extremely attentive

to detail and have done a remarkable job. The last task to complete the project will be to seal and repaint the floor. We are looking forward to the final outcome of the improvements.

Planning and work will also start on landscaping the area around the new digital sign. On September 6th the sign was dedicated to Chief Leo Chaloux, honoring his twenty two plus years of service to the District. Also honored was Meredith Blain, who led the project. Thanks and appreciation to Trent Williams for his time spent and hard work to coordinate electrical service and site work installation for the sign.

We are in the process of obtaining authorization to purchase \$55,000 of new vehicle extrication equipment through our FEMA SAFER grant. Three battery powered Hurst tools, charger, spare batteries, air bags for lifting vehicles and heavy objects, vehicle stabilization equipment, pre-assembled harness and rope sets to quickly get to trapped patients off the road. This represents a significant upgrade in our current capability to rescue people trapped in a vehicle accident.

We have obtained addressing kits for residents and installing in the Community. Firefighters put together the address signs and mount it at the best location at a resident's property. The cost of the sign is \$35.

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. This fire season will be every bit as serious and dangerous as last year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at the fire station (626-9017) or email me at jrosevear@mfpd.us.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday October 1 – Monthly Support Group Training- Station 75 - 10am

Tuesday October 4, 11, 18, 25 - MFPD Firefighter Training- 6pm - Station 75 - Public Welcome

Thursday October 20- Fire Board Meeting - 7pm- Station 75

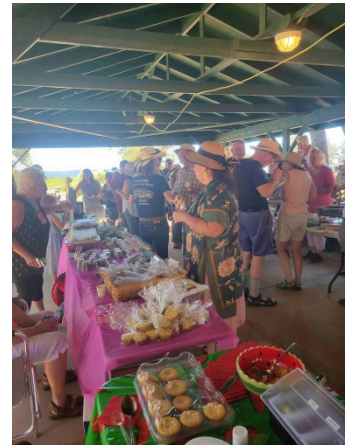
The next MFPD board meeting will be on October 20th at 7:00 pm at the Fire House

In Remembrance of
Wayne Mikel
April 4th 1927 – September 5th 2022
<https://gb774.app.goo.gl/v7VmV>

Firefighters Chili Cookoff

By Scott Reiman

The first annual Mosquito Firefighters Chili Cook Off turned out magnificently. With 13 different chili contestants, some who brought 2 different chili options, there was something for everyone—including an amazing vegan chili. Despite the heat, the event was attended by well over 200 enthusiastic chili tasters. Between the chili sales, the Crafters' bake sale table, and the kids' lemonade stand, we generated nearly \$1,500 for the fire department. Official judging was performed by our very own fire chiefs: Leo Chaloux, Chris Johns, Jack Rosevear, and Morgan Lugo stood in for Todd Hern, who was deployed on the Rum Fire in Oregon. First place honors went to Scott Reiman, representing the Mosquito Fire Fighters; second place was awarded to Cheryl Owen, representing the MVFA (Cheryl also won the People's Choice award); the third place award went to Dee Harris, representing the Pilot's Association; and there was an honorable mention for Heidi and Frank's chili entry from Frank's Diner. Thanks for all of your help making that event so amazing!



MVFA Update

MVFA Board of Directors

DUE TO HIGH FIRE DANGER NO CAMPFIRES ARE ALLOWED AT FINNON LAKE AND CAMPGROUND.

September saw the campground closed for almost a couple of weeks due to the Mosquito Fire. The fire was reported on Sept. 6 and by Sept. 8 we had to close Finnon. We made contact with the campers that were in the campground at that time and helped them get ready to evacuate. Everything went smoothly and we put the closed sign up at the entrance to Franks. We were able to get ahold of Hipcamp and they helped us cancel the upcoming reservations. There were of course some disappointed campers that were now not able to come for their stay, but all understood. We look forward to opening it back up now that the voluntary evacuation order has been lifted. We will continue to have the no campfire sign up until we get considerable rain.

Upcoming MVFA Event

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association is excited to host the annual Harvest Festival at Finnon Lake Campground Saturday, October 15th. Please save the date to come out and enjoy this family fun community event that will feature local vendors selling their goods. There will be arts and crafts, entertainment, kid activities, and many local safety agencies. There will also be a free lunch provided for all. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



MVFA UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

October 15, 2022 Harvest Festival, Finnon Lake Campground

October 29, 2022 Trunk or Treat, Fire Station

December 10, 2022 Christmas Dinner, Fire Station

**The next MVFA board meeting will be on October 3rd
at 3:00pm at the Fire House.**

CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

MVFA Firehouse Crafters have been busy working on crafts for the 23rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair. We are meeting at the pavilion outside Frank's on the 4th Friday of the month at 10:00 AM. As weather changes we will be moving to an indoor space. We welcome new crafters to our meeting or if you don't have time to meet we accept donations. All proceeds go to the Station 75 Fund used solely for the Mosquito Fire Department.

We encourage the community to attend the Craft Fair to support local crafters.

Cold Springs Church
2600 Cold Springs Road
Placerville

November 11 and 12, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

For information contact Eileen Reisner at 530-295-0541 or email eileenreisner@yahoo.com

El Dorado County Leash Law Reminder

El Dorado County ordinance **requires dog owners to keep their dogs confined to their property in an enclosed area or on a leash at all times.** If a loose dog is acting strange, is aggressive or has bitten someone, call Animal Services at 530-621-5795, or after hours, call the Sheriff's Dispatch at (530) 621-6600.

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for September. The next bird watch is scheduled for October 8th. 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 Belted Kingfisher	2 White-breasted Nuthatch
1 Mallard	33 Acorn Woodpecker	18 Western Bluebird
4 Pied-billed Grebe	3 Black Phoebe	12 Lesser Goldfinch
4 Calliope Hummingbird -- Seen in the area before.	3 California Scrub-Jay	2 California Towhee
36 American Coot	2 Common Raven	3 Spotted Towhee
1 Green Heron	5 Barn Swallow	20 Brewer's Blackbird
	8 Bushtit	

Number of Taxa: 19

FRANKS DINER

by Frank Ethridge

Frank's Diner will be closed for a private event on October 22nd.

"October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen. It is the distant hills once more in sight, and the enduring constellations above them once again." — **Hal Borland**



The leaves are falling once again and Halloween is just around the corner just in time for a Harvest Festival on the 15th of October at Finnon Lake, what a great way to spend a day strolling through Finnon and enjoying food, crafts, and music.

Wednesday Family Night

Specials are \$14.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

5th-Chicken Enchiladas
12th-Meatloaf
19th-Asian Robs
26th-Blood and Worms (Spaghetti and meat sauce)

Frank's Summer Diner Hours:

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

(Breakfast served on the weekends
only)

Recipe of the Month

by Frank Ethridge

How about some comfort food for your fall gatherings?

Hot Sloppy Joe Dip

Ingredients:

2 pounds extra lean ground beef	1 teaspoon ground black pepper cayenne
2 green bell peppers, diced	pepper, to taste
1 onion, diced	2 cups chicken broth
4 cloves garlic, minced	1 cup ketchup
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour	1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons brown sugar	1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons kosher salt, or to taste	1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, divided

Directions:

Step 1

Place ground beef, bell pepper, onion, garlic, flour, brown sugar, salt, pepper, and cayenne pepper in a heavy pot.

Step 2

Place pot over medium-high heat. Break up and stir the mixture as it heats. Cook and stir until most of the moisture has evaporated and the mixture is crumbly and begins to brown, about 15 minutes. Stir in chicken broth, ketchup, mustard, and Worcestershire sauce. Mix well and bring mixture to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture is thick, about 45 minutes.

Step 3

Set the oven rack about 6 inches from the heat source and preheat the oven's broiler.

Step 4

Transfer the mixture to an oven-proof saucepan. Top with 1/2 of the shredded cheese. Poke cheese down into the dip with a fork, stirring lightly. Top with remaining cheese.

Step 5

Place pan under broiler; broil until cheese is browned, and mixture is hot and bubbly about 5 minutes.

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.

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 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 recycle volunteers.

MVFA THANK'S YOU!

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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)

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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)

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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)

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)

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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

October 2022

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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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