



CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: November 14- December 23

Medical Aid- 6

Lift Assist- 3

Vehicle Accident- No Injury- 1

Debris Burn- 1

Fire Alarm- 1

The MVFA hosted another successful Christmas Dinner- December 9th at Station 75. A record number of meals were served - 165. Santa gave gift stockings to over 40 children. Thank you to everyone who organized, served, and decorated the Station. The Station Christmas tree was provided by Trent and Mary Williams. Thank you to David Blain, for arranging an appearance by Santa. This event really highlights the wonderful things happening in our Community. The MVFA also provided Christmas dinner groceries for 9 families with a total of 22 children. Incredible generosity shown by the MVFA with their events, donations, and support of the Fire District. The MVFA donated firefighter crew kitchen remodel is underway with demolition of the existing kitchen. New appliances and cabinets have been delivered. Able Electric has been improving the electrical system to support the new kitchen.

A special thank you to the wonderful Crafters Group who have diligently worked their creativity and raised \$3,200 for the Station with this year's events, including the December 2nd Christmas Craft Fair at the Station. We are very grateful!!

Tuesday night training will resume January 9 at 6:00pm. Various topics will be covered for firefighters and Support Group. The public is invited to observe training, ask questions and meet our staff.

On December 14, the Fire District was represented in a multi-agency storm preparedness training exercise, hosted by the Sheriff's Department OES staff. Agency representatives from all over the County assembled to review EOC operations and resolve training scenarios which may challenge EOC staff. One of the scenarios was a rock slide blocking Rock Creek Road and how the County EOC would assist us with a critical medical emergency at the same time. We have procedures in place to deal with that type of scenario now. The County DOT has contracted with Shimmick Construction to assist in the clearing of storm debris on Mosquito Road. They will stage equipment and respond when requested. The assistance will be limited to day time operations only and the goal will be to get Mosquito Road open as soon as possible. Shimmick crews and equipment may be available to assist with slide clearing on Rock Creek Road.

Congratulations to EMT graduates Trevor Dillender, Tony Christensen, and Kristen Dillender. They have successfully completed their intense training. Their next step is the National Registry Test- which can be likened to the Bar Exam. As soon as they pass their registry test, they will be EMTs able to work in the State of California. Their final step will be County registration (completed by Tony Christensen). We are very proud of their accomplishments. The addition of the EMTs will staff an EMT every day in addition to two paramedics at various times. When the paramedics are working we now have ALS capabilities, with new equipment and medications provided by the EDC Emergency Services Authority (JPA).

Trevor Dillender, Tony Christensen and Angel Rosevear will be starting Sierra College Firefighter 1 Academy January 8. This is a very intense program which will run until May requiring the three to attend academy related training or physical training seven days a week (training grounds in Roseville and Grass Valley). We wish them success and know they will represent our Community well. Both EMT and Firefighter 1 training is funded by our FEMA SAFER Grant.

The Fire District was recently awarded \$666,320 from the FEMA SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) program. The grant was applied for in February 2023 and we were successful in the first round of awards. This gives us another four years of grant funding for our productive volunteer program, which has resulted in the fire station being staffed 24/7 for over two years. The funding covers volunteers' stipend pay for shift coverage and response to emergencies, training classes, new volunteer expenses including physicals, background checks, uniforms and safety gear, support of the Explorer program, salary and benefits for a volunteer coordinator (Fire Captain), and more. Residual money from the current grant ending in December 2023 can be used for enhanced marketing and other volunteer support needs. Many thanks for grant writing efforts by Meredith Blain and Didi Everhart (Gatchell Grant Resources-Canton, OH). We are currently awaiting the results of a parallel SAFER grant application for full time station staffing (3 positions- 1 firefighter/supervisor 24/7/365). I have posted a success story about our grant experiences, on the US Congressional website for SAFER and AFG staffing. The District has also been awarded \$10,000 from Cal Fire for wildland PPE and equipment to be spent in the Spring 2024 (50/50 grant- \$10,000 matching from District- \$20,000 purchase total).

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.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday January 4 - MVFA Board Meeting- 3pm- Station 75
Saturday January 6 - Support Group Monthly Training- 9am- Station 75
Tuesday January 9, 16, 23, 30 - Fire Training- 6pm- Station 75 (Public Welcome)
Tuesday- January 16 - SCPOA Monthly Board Meeting- Station 75- 6pm
Thursday January 25 - Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75
Saturday January 27 - Pancake Breakfast- Station 75- 9-11am

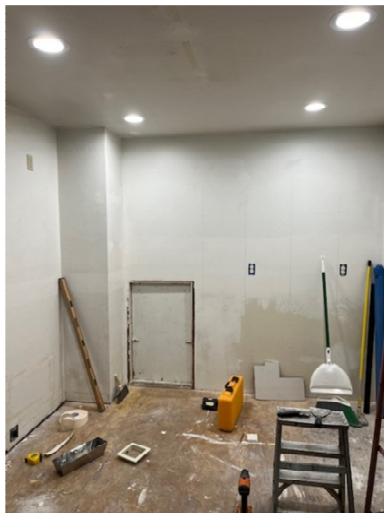
The next MFPD Board meeting will be on January 25th at 7:00 pm at Station 75

MVFA UPDATE

by MVFA Board of Directors

MFPD FIREFIGHTER’S QUARTERS KITCHEN RENOVATION

The renovation of the upstairs kitchen at the Mosquito Fire Station is underway. The MVFA has provided funding for the installation of new cabinets, lighting, flooring, an over the range microwave, garbage disposal, and dishwasher. In addition, the Mosquito District Auxiliary (D’Ax) has contributed funding for purchase of a new range which allowed for the replacement of the range in the first-floor kitchen. The upgrade also includes addition of a new 100-amp electrical panel in the upper level which will free up service space in the main panel and provide for future needs upstairs. The MVFA wants to thank D’Ax, the firefighters and volunteers in helping with creating a new updated fire station kitchen. The project should be complete mid-January.



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, history of the Mosquito Fire Department, a map of the Mosquito community, and residential and business listings, along with other useful information. The Phone Book is available at the Mosquito Fire Station 75 at 8801 Rock Creek Road, (530) 626-9017 or at the 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, 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville CA 95667. Listings for all residents and businesses are free. All updates and any new additions must to be received by February 15, 2024.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The beginning of December brought us the annual Christmas dinner for the community. We look forward to this dinner every year. This year's dinner had one of the biggest crowds ever, serving over 165 individuals. Santa arrived on the engine with his elves for everyone to enjoy. Santa passed out gifts to over 40 kids. We are very appreciative of Santa and his elves for being able to stop by to visit the kids. A big thank you goes to Kirk Bronsord and Matt Ridgeway for preparing the food. Everything was so good from the turkey to the desserts. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to decorate the fire station and who served the food. A special thank you to the firefighters who helped with clean up. It takes a number of people to be able to make it all work so effortlessly. The MVFA Board hopes you all had a Merry Christmas and wishes you the best in the New Year.





MVFA DINER ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that the diner will be reopening in 2024. The new service providers are our local community member Kirk Bronsord along with his partner Matt Ridgeway. Kirk currently operates a Bar-B-Que catering business, “BAD BOYZ of BBQ” and Matt operates an eatery in Sacramento called “PURPLE PIG EATS.” Kirk and Matt are preparing their menu and obtaining the necessary licenses. The new business will be called “SMOKE ON THE WATER.” We are all looking forward to the grand opening coming soon.

DINER UPDATES

As mentioned last month, the preparation of the diner for the new occupants continues. With the availability of waste concrete from the Shimmick Batch Plant, we have been able to add a new sidewalk and pad area behind the diner, along with a concrete pad for the trash dumpsters. Updates are being implemented by volunteers who continue to provide hours of hard work to support the MVFA improvements.



CHRISTMAS BASKETS AND HUGS

This year we delivered Christmas baskets to 9 families here on the hill. Each family received a complete meal with either a turkey or ham along with all the fixings. There was a total of 22 children who were provided gifts. Each child received three wrapped packages. We were blessed by all those who contributed cash, toys, and food for this event. Cookies and treats were also delivered to the families along with other community members. A team of ladies made the cookies and fudge and it was all delivered the week before Christmas. Thank you to all those involved in the baking and the assembly of the baskets and delivery them. It is so nice to be able to share some special treats with our friends and neighbors. We could not do any of this without a lot of special volunteer's help.

CAMPGROUND

There are a few projects to get done at the campground before it opens back up. A cleanup day will be scheduled as soon as the weather cooperates. Everyone is welcome to come help. There are already multiple reservations and several full campground bookings for 2024. It is so nice to have so many returning folks that book almost a year in advance, as the campground has gotten so busy. HIPCAMP has informed us that we are one of their most frequent sites to be booked through their service. The MVFA Board appreciates all the volunteer help we receive each year to make our campground a great experience for all who come!

The next MVFA Board meeting will be on January 4th at 3:00 pm at Station 75

Crafters

By Eileen Reisner

The Crafters have had a productive year, we made over \$3,200.00 for the Mosquito Fire Department. This is about a \$500.00 increase from last year.



The Mosquito Firehouse Crafters will continue to work on new projects in 2024. We will be selling at the pancake breakfasts throughout the year and in November the sale in town. We welcome new crafters into our group. If you don't enjoy crafting, there are other jobs you can do. Our next meeting will be on January 26, at 10:00 AM. Contact Eileen Reisner at 530-295-0541 if you're interested in joining our team.

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for December. The next bird watch is scheduled for Saturday, January 13th at 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.



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| 8 Canada Goose | 16 Acorn Woodpecker | 1 Belted Kingfisher |
| 2 Great White Egret | 3 California Towhee | 200 American Coot |
| 5 Pie-billed Grebe | 12 Junco | 1 Northern Flicker |
| 3 Mallard | 4 Scrub Jay | 1 Cooper's Hawk |
| 1 Raven | 6 Bufflehead | 6 California Quail |

Number of Taxa: 15

DISTRICT AUXILIARY

By Meredith Blain

The D'Ax meets monthly prior to the regular MFPD Board of Directors Meetings, at 5:30pm at the MFPD Fire Station 75. All Mosquito residents are invited to attend. This is where you can get information about what we are up to. Mosquito residents may also reach out directly to our board with questions and comments!



What we are up to in January? We welcome the New Year with the MFPD Pancake Breakfast that will take place on January 27, 2024 from 9 to 11 am! Kids 15 and under eat free! A donation of \$10 is gladly accepted for all others. Hot off the grill cooked pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and bacon are offered and fruit, juice, hot coffee and hot chocolate are available as well. If you don't want to eat breakfast, drop in anyway and enjoy a hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate and warm up with friends and neighbors! Hope to see you soon!

SCPOA Report

By Meredith Blain

SCPOA:

The Swansboro Country Property Owners Association Board of Directors (SCPOA) meet monthly at the MFPD Fire Station 75. Meeting agendas are posted on the bulletin board at Dyer lake and on the SCPOA website. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6pm at the firehouse.

Members of SCPOA can visit SCPOA.info, the official SCPOA website, and find information about upcoming and past meetings, agendas, meeting minutes, association bylaws, individual unit DC&Rs, the Swansboro Airport, get information for use of common areas and much more! If you have not requested a login for the SCPOA website, please send an email to KPAULSCPOA@gmail.com, and Karen will setup your login.

MVFA CRV RECYCLE PROGRAM

Please drop off bags of Plastic Bottles and Aluminum Cans (Sorry no Glass) from 8 am - 5 pm 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.



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LOCAL ORGANIC FARM

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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

GOLDIE LOCS OF LOVE - Loc creation / extension installation / decoration / maintenance kelsvanfleet@gmail.com (916) 295-9059

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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

January 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Station 75 | 5 | 6 Support Group Training 9am Station 75 |
| 7 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am | 8 | 9 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Bird Watching Finnon Lake, Day use area 9am |
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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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