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Chief's Report

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: November 20-December 19

Escape Control Burn with Structure Loss: 1

Oil Spill-Road Hazard

Medical: 2

Fire Alarm: 1 (residential-accidental)

Storm Response: Trees/Branches down - Clear Roads &
Driveways - Power lines down

On Monday November 29th at 7:39pm, we were dispatched to a reported vegetation fire on Dyer Way. Chief Hern and I arrived at the same time (10 min after dispatch). The fire was very visible near a residence with 50+ foot flame lengths in some very tall pine trees. It was obvious there were structures involved, which was later determined to be three storage buildings.

Engine 75 arrived approximately two minutes after we arrived. It was a moderately steep driveway approximately 300-400' in length. Firefighters extended hose lines and began to cool the fire down. Two sheds were fully involved, the fire was moving into a large shed with a lot of contents.

Water supply is an obvious major priority. A supply line was laid down the driveway to be connected to the water tender. There are no hydrants in this area. The water tender supplied the line shortly before the engine ran out of water. The water supply operations and use of water tenders at fire incidents are critical.

We had an excellent response by both firefighters and Support Group. Twelve firefighters responded and arrived in a constant stream after the engine and tender arrived. Engine 275 also responded to the scene with a crew of firefighters. Support Group responded to the scene and staffed the station with eleven personnel. All apparatus was staffed and responded to the incident.

Todd Hern was the designated Safety Officer and supervised the firefighters. There were quite a few hazards with fencing, burning sheds and their contents. A second water tender was called but cancelled after the fire was knocked down within 15 minutes of Engine 75's arrival. The fire was contained with no spread to the main residence and minimal spread to the wildland area.

It took 45 minutes for County Engine 25 and Cal Fire 2762 to arrive. Our personnel had the fire knocked down and contained well before mutual aid arrived, but we needed the two outside engines to assist with mop up of the large storage shed and contents. Cal Fire also has jurisdiction on the spread to the wildland. The fire cause was related to a burn pile escape.

The Support Group handled road closure, hydration (rehab) for firefighters, equipment clean-up and station staffing for community questions.

A special thanks to District staff for response to our recent major storm and first snow. Crews took care of downed trees, maintained safety with trees into power lines while waiting for PG&E to arrive, patrolled the District and Rock Creek Road for paramedic ambulance access. Support Group staffed the fire station to help answer phones and answer questions from residents. All of these efforts were done under cold, adverse and sometimes dangerous conditions. Our level of commitment to our Community by our volunteers is impressive.

Thank you to MVFA for the donation of a new stove (\$850) for the crew quarters. Fire crews, for many years have been using a donated used stove, which recently, was not working properly. Also thank you to the MVFA for hosting the Christmas dinner at the Fire Station. There was incredible attendance, including many children. Thank you to our staff for picking up Santa and his elves. Overall, it was a wonderful thing to see the community come together, after the past year of closure and separation. It is also encouraging to meet new families who have moved into the community.

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.

Training Update:

I'm please to announce that Ernest and Mitchell Keith have completed their Firefighter 1 academy through Sacramento Regional. Both young men are also EMTs and very capable individuals. They will continue working station shifts through the Spring. Ernest will continue on with us and deploy with the OES engine during fire season. Mitchell is in application for Cal Fire-AEU employment this fire season. The Keith Brothers come from a lineage of family members in both fire and law enforcement, including their father and sisters.

Walden Holmsky is a resident of the Hill for two years, and an Apparatus Engineer/EMT with Cal Fire TCU, being with them for the past eight years. Walden is a new District volunteer and due to his certifications and experience, will hold the rank of Fire Lieutenant. He will provide an extra layer of supervision for us on emergency incidents. We are working on grant funding to send him to start Paramedic school in June, which will give us a future resident paramedic.

We are hoping to host an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course in early 2022. The 80-hour class would provide additional medical training and capability for our fire and support volunteers. The class would have 15-20 seats and is expensive to put on (instructor fees, materials, National Registration and County Accreditation). After our staff, open class seats would be opened to interested community members and our partner fire districts after that. We should have a firm price and draft contract to review very soon. It is our intention to fund our staff's participation with FEMA grant funding. We should have solid direction on this within the next two weeks.

We now have established dates from FEMA for the CERT Trainer Course (virtual) which Chief Todd Hern will attend in January. We can begin planning on dates for CERT Basic Training.

We continue to seek interest from the Community for those interesting in CERT training. CERT basic training consists of approximately 30 hours of basic disaster preparedness training delivered in a flexible format over 6-8 weeks. 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).

Chief Hern will also receive his CPR training certification (American Heart Association) with a class he will attend on 12/27. This will give us the ability to teach CRP/AED for District staff and the Community.

Station 75- Digital LED Sign:

Staff has met with the sign vendor representatives and have agreed on a final format for the sign. Due to shipping delays, we expect the sign to be constructed and installed by early March. Meredith is handling the County permitting process and coordinating the installation schedule with the sign vendor. We have learned that the LED sign capabilities are substantial, with easy programming of multiple messages, the ability to add photos/graphics and automatic lighting adjustment, depending on time of day and outside light conditions. Staff will handle the demolition of the current sign and installation of additional electrical supply to the new sign.

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.

The next MFPD Board Meeting will be held on January 20th starting at 7:00pm at the Fire House, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville, CA

MVFA UPDATE

MVFA Board of Directors

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The MVFA Christmas Dinner and MFA Tree Lighting was a huge success! MVFA and MFA partnered to bring the community together for a night of fun. We had a full house, with lots of new and happy children and adults! Dinner was enjoyed by all. Santa, Rudolph, and a couple of handsome Elves spread holiday cheer to the community. The children gathered around the beautiful Christmas tree decorated with ornaments by community members and then lit up by the MFA firefighters. We thank the many volunteers that made the night magical.



MVFA ELECTIONS

During the December MVFA Meeting we held our annual election. We had three openings and three candidates.

2022 MVFA Board of Directors

Mary Williams - elected for a second term
Sandi Brauns - serves for another year
Paula Paynter - serves for another year
Cheryl Owen - new board member
Trent Williams - new board member

We want to thank the outgoing board members Kim Purcell and Eileen Reisner for their service.

FINNON PROJECTS

In January we will begin tree maintenance in the campground as well as some cleanup along the road. For your safety, please stay clear of the workers as they will be focused on their job.

Special Recognition by Dee Harris

Thank you to my cookie baking angels: Colleen, Georgina, Jane and Nese for all your hard work. Thank you to Rusty for donating the holiday plates. Your delicious goodies were included in the MVFA Christmas Baskets were delivered to our neighbors.

The next MVFA board meeting will be on December 6nd 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 the December. The next bird watch is scheduled for the January 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.



5 Canada Goose	1 Cooper's Hawk	4 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
1 Mallard	2 Bald Eagle	3 White-breasted Nuthatch
4 Ring-necked Duck	1 Red-breasted Sapsucker	8 Western Bluebird
8 Hooded Merganser	20 Acorn Woodpecker	12 American Robin
16 Common Merganser	1 Hairy Woodpecker	1 California Towhee
2 Pied-billed Grebe	1 Black Phoebe	13 Spotted Towhee
175 American Coot	6 California Scrub-Jay	
1 Double-crested Cormorant	4 Oak Titmouse	

Number of Taxa: 22

Franks Diner

by Frank Ethridge

Recipe of the Month – Asparagus-Zucchini Frittata
by Franks Diner

Let's make something light and easy. You can pair this dish with a salad and call it dinner.

Ingredients:

2 ¼ zucchini (medium halved lengthwise and sliced crosswise 1/4 inch thick)
6 ounces asparagus (trimmed, stems sliced 1/4 inch thick on the diagonal and tips left whole)
8 eggs (large)
¾ cup fresh ricotta (6 ounces)



Frank's 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

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and Pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 325°. In a medium saucepan of salted boiling water, blanch the zucchini and asparagus for 1 minute, then drain well and pat dry.

2. In a large bowl, beat the eggs with 1/2 teaspoon of salt and 1/4 teaspoon of pepper. Stir in the vegetables. In a bowl, season the ricotta with salt and pepper.

3. In a 12-inch ovenproof nonstick skillet, add the egg-vegetable mixture. Transfer the skillet to the oven and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the frittata is just set. Let cool slightly, transfer to a platter, cut into wedges and serve.

4. Serve with fresh fruit or a salad

Wednesday Family Night
Specials are \$12.00 from 5 pm to 8 pm

5th BBQ Chicken

12th Asian Ribs

19th- Sloppy Joes

26th- Stuffed Bell Peppers

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!

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Classified Ads are free to all paid subscribers)

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)

WELDING & FABRICATION

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

SIERRA SHIELD FIREARMS & TRAINING

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)

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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)

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

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)

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

January 2022

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30 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11 am-Noon, See website	31					1
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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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