



CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Jack Rosevear



Calls for Service: August 22-September 25
Structure Fire- 1 (Maidu Dr.)
Vehicle Accident- 1 (Minor injuries)
Illegal Burn- 1 (Cal Fire notified)
Medical Aid- 6
Public Assist: 4

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 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).

On Wednesday August 30th at 6:40pm, Mosquito Firefighters and mutual aid resources were dispatched to a structure fire on Maidu Drive. Upon arrival, we noticed the fire had started at an exterior wall and spread into an attic opening. The resident had knocked most of the exterior fire down with a garden hose. Arriving firefighters were able to contain and extinguish the attic fire, limiting damage to the residence. Overhaul and salvage of interior furnishings were assisted by the crews of County Engine and Medic 25. The fire cause was related to an exterior portable heater. Excellent job by Engine 275 crew- Firefighters Heide Glockner, Trevor Dillender and Tony Christensen, Support Group personnel staffing the Station, at the scene and firefighter rehab.

The District Auxiliary (D'Ax) and Firefighter Pancake Breakfast was held Saturday September 16th. 96 breakfasts were served and \$1,000 raised. Led by Meredith Blain, we appreciate everyone who takes the time to put the Breakfast on and make it a

success. From the event we were able to gain two new volunteers, one community-based person with prior firefighting experience and a Support Group volunteer.

On September 9th the District hosted a CPR/AED class for Department members, led by Chief Eddie Dwyer, assisted by Paramedic Ryan Howard. 35 members attended training and were recertified.

Paramedic Ryan Howard recently completed installation of a grant funded “extractor” washing machine (\$7,000), which removes cancer causing toxins from wildland and structure protective clothing. The extractor was purchased from residual grant funding from a FEMA AFG grant, which provided new breathing apparatus for District firefighters (Pioneer, Georgetown and Mosquito). Because of the new location of the extractor where the station washer/dryer was located, the MVFA generously donated a new space saving washer/dryer combination (\$2,000), so the Station would not lose washer capability for crew uniforms and other items not washed by the extractor.

Tony Christensen, Trevor Dillender and Kristen Dillender have started EMT academy, graduating in December. We are expecting to send personnel to Firefighter 1 academy in the Spring. With FEMA grant funding, we will be hosting State certified classes Operator 1A & 1B before the end of the year. The new Fire Authority partnership will soon open opportunities for certified classes and specialized training. Staff recently attended a vehicle extrication drill at Georgetown Station 62 on Monday evening September 18th.

TSU Tree Service has started their major tree removal operation for PG&E, which will continue through October. They are utilizing our parking area for vehicle staging during the project. The lead contact person for TSU is local resident Samantha McClung (530-417-5251). She invites residents with concerns and questions to contact her. We appreciate the work being done here to increase fire safety and keep our power on longer during storms.

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 October 5, MVFA Board Meeting- 3pm- Station 75
Saturday October 7, Support Group Monthly Training- 9am- Station 75
Saturday October 14, MVFA Fall Festival- 10am-3pm- Finnon Lake- Free Lunch
Tuesday October 17, SCPOA Monthly Board Meeting- Station 75- 6pm
Thursday October 26, D’Ax Board Meeting- 5:30pm- Station 75
Thursday October 26, Fire Board Meeting- 7pm- Station 75
Saturday October 28, Trunk or Treat Halloween Event- 6-8pm - Station 75
Saturday November 11- Firefighter Pancake Breakfast- 9-11am- Station 75- Veterans Day

The next MFPD Board meeting will be on October 26th at 7:00 pm at Station 75

MVFA UPDATE **FINNON LAKE DISC GOLF**

The installation of disc golf tee pads continues with the latest placement at hole number 9. Concrete tee pads are installed on holes 1, 4, 9, 13, 14, 16 and 20. We have 7 two-part pads fabricated which will be relocated to holes where it will not be possible to pour the tee pads in place.



DINER STATUS

What's happening with the diner? The Board continues to work with an interested party in hopes to achieve a lease agreement. In the meantime, our volunteers are working diligently to assure that the diner and equipment is clean and in good working condition for use by the new occupant. Professional cleaners were contracted to clean the floors, windows, and blinds. We are anxious to announce an opening date for the diner to serve the community.

MVFA THANK YOU

MVFA would like to thank the crafters for continuing to make all the wonderful things that have been sold at the breakfasts and other venues. They have all gone above and beyond using their own funds to help support our local fire station. Eileen Reisner has done a great job getting more people to participate which in turn has brought in more money.

FINNON LAKE CAMPGROUND

The campground camper activity level is beginning to slow down. We have a couple more full campground bookings with scout troops and a disc golf tournament before the season close. We enjoy having the scouts and the disc golfers and appreciate how they have such respect for our facility.

MVFA's ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association is excited to host the annual Fall Festival at Finnon Lake Campground on Saturday, October 14th. 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. Please contact us at mvfa95667@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

MVFA RECYCLE AREA

The recycle area behind the fire station is being relocated to the other side of the sheds which has allowed for the placement of the D'Ax shed where the recycle was previously. We have installed posts and poured a concrete pad courtesy of waste concrete from Shimmick. We should have the fence installed by the time of this publication. We appreciate all who bring their CRV aluminum cans and plastic bottles dropping them off for refund. All proceeds from this recycling activity go to the fire department and are used at the direction of the Fire Chief.



MVFA DONATION

The MVFA Board recently approved the purchase of a new combination washer/dryer at the request of the fire department. This over/under combination unit made room for the extractor unit which was purchased on a grant, and is used to clean the firefighter's turnouts, to be installed next to the washer/dryer. The MVFA continues to provide funding for equipment for the Mosquito Fire Protection District to aid our firefighters in protecting our community.



MFPD SUPPORT GROUP

by Trent Williams

The MFPD Support Group is an integral part of the Mosquito Fire Protection District response capability, and has been for a long time. Its duties include traffic control, transporting fire fighters and equipment, assisting ambulance and helicopter medical response, and directing residents during an evacuation. Support Group members receive CPR/AED training bi-annually and are FEMA CERT certified. In the event of a wildland or structure fire the team can provide portable auxiliary pump support to draw water from our local ponds to supply firefighting efforts. The team consists of local volunteers and has typically a membership of 25 to 30 personnel.

BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE

by Dave Angelo

Here are the results of the bird watch for September. The next bird watch is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th 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.



20 Violet-green Swallow	35 American Coot	2 Mourning Dove
5 Western Bluebird	3 Pie-billed Grebe	1 Common Raven
14 Acorn Woodpecker	2 Great-tailed Grackle	5 Band-tailed Pigeon
20 Red-wing Blackbird	1 Robin	1 Spotted Towhee
18 Brewer's Blackbird	4 Scrub Jay	

Number of Taxa: 15

DISTRICT AUXILIARY

by Meredith Blain D'Ax President

Recently, a few questions have emerged on social media about the D'Ax, so I'm writing to answer those questions and provide information about who we are and what we are up to. This is just the beginning of what I hope to be several articles about our organization.



Question: Who is D'Ax?

"D'Ax" is the abbreviation for the "District Auxiliary – Mosquito*." D'Ax is a California nonprofit corporation created in 2022. Its primary mission is to sustain the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD) by way of fundraising. D'Ax fundraising supports the Chief, personnel, and volunteers of the MFPD, and the community at large.

By way of donations from generous community members in November 2022, D'Ax purchased, and now manages and maintains MFPD's fundraising assets, using said assets solely for the good and welfare of the Mosquito Fire Protection District community.

The District Auxiliary accomplishes its mission through social activities, fundraising events, campaigns, and by fostering good relationships with all other community groups within the Mosquito Fire Protection District.

Question: How is D'Ax different from other fundraising organizations within the Mosquito Fire District?



The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA) has been the biggest financial supporter of the Mosquito Fire Protection District for many, many years and has a rich history in our area. While MVFA manages its own assets (Finnon Recreation Area), and donates proceeds to the Mosquito Fire Protection District, The District Auxiliary's sole purpose is raising funds for the fire department, entirely. The prior fundraising organization, the Mosquito Fire Association (MFA), focused on raising funds solely for the individual firefighters and has since been disbanded.

The District Auxiliary is committed to the well-being of the entire fire district. We have offered our support for the MFPD Pancake Breakfasts which is an event that is on its way to becoming a community tradition! We have received gracious and generous support from members of the Mosquito community, and we look forward to a long and successful relationship supporting our local volunteer fire department.

D'Ax meetings are held on the same day and immediately before the MFPD Fire Board of Directors Meetings: typically, the fourth Thursday of each month, with D'Ax's meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the Fire Board meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

All Mosquito residents are welcome to attend. Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be found at MFPD's website at mfpd.us under the tab: Supporters. Drop by for a meeting and please introduce yourself!

CRAFTERS

by Eileen Reisner

The Mosquito Firehouse Crafters have been working hard on various projects. We welcome all interested in crafting, talent is optional 😊. Our meetings are normally held on the 4th Friday of the month. But for October the meeting will be on Friday, October 20th at 10:00 am at 2211 Swansboro Road. If you are interested in joining our group, contact Eileen Reisner at 530 295 0541.



Mark your calendar for the 24th Annual Holiday Craft Fair held at Cold Springs Church at 2600 Cold Springs Road in Placerville. Dates are November 10th and 11th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There are over 30 crafters participating in this event including the Mosquito Firehouse Crafters. The Church sells breakfast sweets and lunch. We hope to see you there!

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 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>
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October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 MFOM Mountain Fellowship Gathering, 11am	2	3 MFPD Firefighters Training 6pm Station 75	4	5 MVFA Board Meeting 3pm Station 75	6	7 MFPD Support Group Training 9am Station 75
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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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