

# MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**Minutes Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 9th, 2017 7:00 pm**

Mosquito Station #75, 8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville, CA 95667

- 1. Call to Order** 7 PM
- 2. Roll Call & Announcement of Quorum.** *Present Joe Snyder, Ralph Hern, Eugene Swystun, Barbara Mikel & Theresa Stuart. Quorum.*
- 3. Approval of Agenda.** *Motion to approve by Ralph Hern, second by Gene Swystun.*  
*Ayes: Directors Snyder, Hern, Swystun, Mikel & Stuart*  
*Nos: 0*  
*Abstain: 0*
- 4. Public Comment.** Public may address the Board on any District related item not included in this agenda. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes in duration. *No public comment.*
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
  - 5.1 Regular Meeting January 12, 2017.** *Motion to approve by Joe Snyder, second by Gene Swystun. Ayes: Directors Snyder, Swystun & Stuart*  
*Nos: 0*  
*Abstain: Directors Mikel & Hern*
  - 5.2 Special Meeting Jan 16, 2017** *Motion to approve by Ralph Hern, second by Joe Snyder.*  
*Ayes: Directors Hern, Snyder & Stuart*  
*Nos: 0*  
*Abstain: Directors Swystun & Mikel*
- 7. Fiscal Items:**
  - 7.1.** Approval of Treasurer's Report. *Motion to approve by Ralph Hern, second by Joe Snyder. Ayes: Directors Hern, Snyder, Swystun, Mikel & Stuart*  
*Nos: 0*  
*Abstain: 0*
  - 7.2.** Approval of Expenditures for 01-14-2017 & 01-15-2017. *Motion to approve expenditures for 01-14-2017 by Ralph Hern, second by Gene Swystun.*  
*Ayes: Directors Snyder, Hern, Swystun, Mikel & Stuart.*  
*Nos: 0*  
*Abstain: 0*  
*Director Swystun wanted clarification on #11 on report dated 01-15-2017.*  
*Chief Dwyer explained the repair for the Foam system with a rebuilt on that engine.*  
*Motion to approve expenditures for 01-15-2017 by Joe Snyder, second by Gene Swystun*

*Ayes: Directors Snyder, Hern, Swystun, Mikel & Stuart*

*Nos: 0*

*Abstain: 0*

**8. Informational Items: Correspondence & Communication**

**8.1.** 2017 Special District Election Memo & Nomination Ballot

**8.2.** Commendation letter. Director Snyder read out loud a commendation letter for Chief Dwyer. It will be placed in Chief Dwyer's personnel file.

**8.3.** Chief's Report

**MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
DISTRICT STATUS REPORT –Fire Chief Eddie Dwyer  
February 9, 2017.**

**I. The Department**

We have made tremendous strides in correcting issues that affected the operational ability of the Mosquito Fire Protection District.

Today we submitted an application for a Fire Safer Grant. If successful this Grant will provide funds to hire 6 fulltime personnel, and 6 stipend or apprentice firefighter positions for 24/7 coverage.

Our Members are all doing exceedingly well in academics and manipulative skills training while attending the Sierra College and Georgetown Fire Academies. On completion, they will have developed a skill set that will provide great service to this Fire District and the residents we serve.

The Department's Command Structure has been reconfigured to provide successive command presence and an organized chain of command.

With the command restructuring we have initiated sequential numbered badging. As a Member reaches their first anniversary they will be awarded a Department Badge that now will include a badge number. This number will identify the Members seniority and/or rank. On their fifth year of continuous service their number will be retired and no longer available for issue. On separation in good standing following 5 years of service the badge will be awarded to the Firefighter.

We still have had considerable operational needs that will impact the District's Budget Line Items. Every penny spent is done so with deliberation and concern for the financial wellbeing of the district, safety of the Fire Fighter Personnel, Maintenance of Apparatus and Equipment and the repair and maintenance of the Fire Station

We have ordered Seven new sets of Turnouts

**II. The Station**

The East Door Emergency Exit is now up to code, with a recent install of a steel door with required panic hardware. The installation of the door also provides greater security for the station. When time allows, all exterior doors will be re-keyed and deadbolts installed. Radio Speakers have been installed in the training room and residence.

Director Swystun confirmed with Chief Dwyer that there will be a grant application submitted for the next FEMA grant and volunteered to help complete and submit the application.

### **III. INFORMATION:**

- A.** MVFA had a successful Bingo Night
- B.** We are planning a Fire Fighter Appreciation night March 11, 2017
- C.** MS75 will be holding a pancake breakfast on the Morning of February 18, 2017
- D.** We are planning a Fire Fighter Appreciation night March 11, 2017

On Review of previous Chief Reports, we have either completed or are nearing the completion of all repairs of the Station and Fire Apparatus.

**Engine 75** is mechanically sound, still experiencing minor electrical issues.

**E275** is in good condition mechanically. Due to damage to the front and right inner rear dual, three tires require replacement and the engine was listed as out of service today. Tires are on order, and will be installed tomorrow.

**T75** is in excellent mechanical condition.

**Command 75** is out of service again due to electrical problems. I am currently using my POV to respond to emergencies here in the district, and conduct district business in the county. When repaired, I am hoping to obtain the Boards permission to have the seats reupholstered. I have torn two pairs of uniform pants on the exposed frame of the driver's seat. Once just before entering a county Fire Chief's meeting. To say the least I was the Butt of the jokes in that meeting (pun intended).

**Duty 75** When Command 75 is back in service, Duty 75 will be taken out of service to have the transmission evaluated to identify why it will not go into 4 wheel drive

Now, I would like to have all the Fire and Support Group Personnel stand. These Members have displayed great dedication to the safety of the Residents of Mosquito and Swansboro. They have served the community through some of the most extreme weather conditions working to ensure the Lifeline Roads of the community remain open.

### **9. Agenda Items:**

**9.1 Budget Review.** Items on the Budget have been adjusted according to need and changes will be reflected in the new budget presented at the March Board meeting.

**10. Directors Informational Only.** Per Director Swystun. There is another FEMA grant available and Director Swystun volunteered to help Chief Dwyer submit a request.

**11. Adjournment 8:22 PM**