

December 2023 – January 2024

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.

