



MFPD Support Group

The organization of the Mosquito Fire Protection District is unlike any other fire district in the county. While the district has its cadre of traditional volunteer firefighters, it also has another group of community volunteers, the Support Group. This group of 25 performs functions that, were it not for them, the firefighters would have to perform.

The Support Group is charged with the following:

Station Management – The Station Manager for an incident takes charge of the station and grounds when the firefighters are out on a call. He/she determines what other Support Group functions need to be staffed and assigns members to those positions.

Road Control - Controlling vehicle traffic and pedestrian flow at or near the scene of an emergency event.

Water Supply - At a fire event the Support Group either assigns members to a hydrant location to assist our firefighters in refilling the water tenders and engines OR they place our mobile pumping unit (Pump 75) into service at one of our local lakes to supply water to the water tenders and engines.

Helispot Management - Providing on-the-ground guidance necessary to assist the pilot of a medical helicopter to safely land during a medical emergency and assist medical personnel with transportation to the scene.

Firefighter Rehabilitation - Just what it says, making sure our firefighters in the field are rehabilitated by providing an adequate supply of food and water and any first aid required in order to sustain them during an emergency event.

Evacuation Assistance - Assist the Sheriff's Department in evacuating community members who might need some help in the evacuation process.

The Support Group trains throughout the year to perform all of these functions but rarely is there a single event so large and complex that all of the functions come into play at the same time. However, the King Fire was such an event.