

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.

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.