

MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DISTRICT STATUS REPORT

**Fire Chief Eddie Dwyer
March 9, 2017**

I. The Department

We are working to bring MFPD into a more modern era of emergency services. El Dorado County Emergency Medical Services has authorized MFPD to begin ALS Services. We have hired two Firefighter Paramedic relief personnel, and I have submitted my application for accreditation as a Paramedic in El Dorado County. The two new Paramedics and I must undergo evaluation through what is called a ten-call field evaluation and a written EMS protocol evaluation, to ensure quality of skill and knowledge. Once this has been completed and all equipment has been obtained and on final approval from EDC EMSA we will start providing Paramedic Services to the residents of Mosquito and Swansboro on a limited basis. I do believe that we should begin providing these services by the end of May or mid-June.

In January, Chief Savacool from Garden Valley Fire contacted me about possible consolidation talks. Soon after he and I spoke and scheduled a day that he and I could discuss opening talks for potential consolidation with Theresa Stuart and Barbara Mikel. Chief Savacool provided both historical budgetary information from both agencies; and potential budgetary projections that included increased revenues from the County to a Consolidated Fire District. Chief Savacool arraigned for a meeting with Board Supervisor Ranalli, at which time he presented a "preliminary proposal". I have provided a copy of the preliminary proposal to Director Mikel for budget information and review. Being that it is only a preliminary proposal there are many issues that need to be reviewed and revised. I do believe that possible consolidation and all funding options need to be vetted.

II. The Station

Maintenance on the station is ongoing; when weather permits we will be reconfiguring the top landing of the Southwest Stairway to allow for staging of Turnout gear for members who are staying overnight.

III. INFORMATION:

- A.** I will be out of the District teaching at the NFA from March 16 through April 2.
- B.** MVFA will be holding their annual Chuck Wagon Dinner March 18. Bingo night March 24.
- C.** Due to the ongoing storm, related emergency operations we have had to postpone the Firefighter Appreciation Night. No new date has been set.
- D.** MS 75 held a very successful pancake breakfast on the March 18, 2017.

E. During times of extreme weather the County JPA, Garden Valley, Georgetown, Diamond Springs and El Dorado Hills Fire has staffed Paramedics on duty here at MFPD. JPA made the request that we staff one EMT with the Paramedic to drive and operate M-261. The coordination of services was done due to the road closures of Mosquito Road and Highway 193 and tenuous conditions of Rock Creek Road. These Fire Agencies and the JPA provided the paramedic staffing at no cost to the MFPD.

IV. Equipment

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

E275 is in good condition mechanically. The tank has a leak, it is still under warranty and will be sent to West mark Fire Apparatus Manufacturers to have the leak repaired

T75 is in excellent mechanical condition.

We are still awaiting information on whether we will receive a grant to replace water tender 375. Information on whether or we have received the Aid to Firefighters Grant for a new Tactical Water Tender should be received soon.

Command 75 is out of service indefinitely. I continue to use my POV to respond to emergencies here in the district, and conduct district business in the county. I have attached the purchase information for a new command vehicle. The Choices are for a 4 door Crew Cab, or an extended Cab Ford F250 with appropriate options.

Utility 75 Is out of service for night operations due problems with the headlights. Parts are on order.