

MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DISTRICT STATUS REPORT - Fire Chief Eddie Dwyer

January 12, 2017

I. The Department

The state of the Mosquito Fire Protection District remains strong as we continue to make strides in apparatus and equipment maintenance and repairs. Moral remains high, professionalism and dedication to service is our daily mission. Volunteers have been showing up to training in high numbers, new volunteers are responding to calls. Seven of our personnel have begun training, six of our Volunteer Firefighters are attending the Fire Academy at Georgetown. The Volunteers undergoing training have agreed to provide 12 hours on duty service weekly, for a year with the commitment to service beginning on the completion of their Academy.

Firefighter Phil Southern is attending the Academy at Sierra College. On completion, he will have received training and certification for multiple disciplines.

The First Annual Firefighters Christmas Tree Lighting went extremely well. We had a considerable showing from the Community, this year's Tree Lighting, has been scheduled for December 3rd.

Due to the severe storms and operational needs I was not able to complete the Restructuring of the District Operational Command Structure, I would though like to take the time to advise the board that part of the restructuring will include a Volunteer Division Chief and Volunteer Lieutenant. I will be promoting Tom Stuart to Volunteer Division Chief and Firefighter Lisa Hampton to Lieutenant.

The Budget Review has begun. We have had considerable operational needs that have gone beyond the funds allocated in the line item budgets.

These Operational Issues include the replacement of 7 sets of turnouts that are 4 years beyond the safety date recommended by the manufacturer. Per NFPA Standards and CAL OSHA Regulations, Safety Equipment that has reached their safety date as stated in the manufacturers' safety data, is considered unsafe and must be replaced.

We have suspended recruitment for Volunteer Firefighters. We hope to reopen recruitment in the near future as we adjust the budget for the purchase of Safety Equipment.

II. The Station

Station repairs are ongoing. The Electrical Panel has been brought up to code. Due to circuit overload, we will have electricians install a dedicated circuit for the Air conditioners located in the Residence and training room. This will reduce the electrical load and prevent the triggering of circuit breakers.

Exterior doors have had to be reordered. We are still waiting for their arrival.

III. INFORMATION:

- A. MVFA will be starting Bingo nights again.
- B. We have received the Thermal imager. Training will begin immediately.

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. The Tire on E75 time out in March of this year. We have received an estimate from Sierra Tire Based on Federal and State GSA Pricing the cost is below the \$3000 threshold; however I felt it is necessary to advise the board before the replacement occurs.

E75 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, we do suspect that the tank is cracked, we will be assessing this week. The crack is suspected to be high on the tank, water volume is maintained at near full capacity.

We have suspended the research for the purchase for the replacement of the utility Vehicle. Due to recent long term closures of Rock Creek Road caused by Rock slides and downed trees, I strongly suggest the effort be redirected to the purchase of a Springer Class Ambulance.

Now, I would like to have all the Volunteer 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. These emergency operations have no less significance than any event the community has faced in recent years. They have placed themselves in harm's way time and time again to ensure our residents are able to freely travel the roads to work, school or for routine daily trips for familial needs. Many times these operational periods have been greater than 6 hours and most continued through the night and early morning hours

I am asking the MFP Board of Directors to pass a resolution recognizing and commending their service, courage & dedication to the community and commitment to duty.