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Police Departments

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report



Oct. 9 - Oct. 14

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| Alarms | 5 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 1 |
| Traffic | 35 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 7 |
| Suspicious Subject | 4 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 2 |
| Service to Citizen | 20 |
| Patrol Request/ Security Check | 8 |
| Supplemental Report | 5 |
| Welfare Check | 4 |

Vehicle violations

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|--------------------------------|--|
| DUI Misd | |
| Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr. | |
| Excessive Speed | |
| Rheem Blvd./Park St. | |
| Moraga Way/Camino Ricardo | |
| Hit And Run Felony | |
| Safeway | |
| Reckless Driving | |
| Seven Eleven | |
| Rheem Blvd./Moraga Rd. | |
| Traffic Hazard | |
| Somewhere on Moraga Rd | |
| St. Marys Rd./Bollinger Canyon | |

Other criminal activity

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|----------------------------|--|
| Battery | |
| Campolindo High School | |
| Shoplift | |
| Safeway | |
| Vandalism | |
| Joaquin Moraga Int. School | |

Nuisance to the Community

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|------------------------|--|
| Civil Disturbance | |
| 400 Block Center St. | |
| Loud Music | |
| 100 Block Donald Dr. | |
| Public Assembly Check | |
| 500 Block Moraga Rd. | |
| Public Nuisance | |
| Via Granadaquintas Ln. | |

Other

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|------------------------|--|
| Mentally Ill Commit | |
| St. Mary's College | |
| Williams Dr./Haven Ct. | |

was tested. Aubert checked the horn strobe system, which produces flashing light and a loud noise to alert those inside or outside the building. The captain inspected the fire alarm control panel – the controlling component which makes sure all systems are being monitored. He checked for lighting on exit signs, and pointed out numerous other items that a layperson would probably never think twice about.

“Our job is to educate the property owners and managers. They aren’t trained in any of this,” Aubert said.

In October, ConFire saw the departure of its fire marshal, who had assured management that all mandated residential fire inspections were on track for completion by Dec. 31. Not wanting to lose momentum, Carman immediately appointed Deputy Chief Lewis Broschard as the interim fire marshal, a job Broschard previously held for the district.

“We are both working on the basis that the inspections will be done by that date,” Carman said.

been prepositioned throughout the state by mid-October thanks in large part to Carman’s efforts. Fire resources have been prepositioned four times throughout Contra Costa County in response to red flag warnings this fire season.

“It was quite a surprise,” Carman told his Advisory Fire Commission Oct. 8 of the award. “I haven’t done anything on my own, but it’s been a team effort. And I hope that we can continue that effort. I accept that award on behalf of the whole organization.”



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

Oct. 7 - Oct. 20

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| Alarms | 49 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 7 |
| Traffic | 96 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 8 |
| Suspicious Subjects | 12 |
| Suspicious Vehicles | 13 |
| Patrol Request/ Security Check | 29 |
| Service to Citizen | 37 |
| Supplemental Report | 19 |
| Vacation House Check | 26 |
| Welfare Check | 7 |

Vehicle violations

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| Auto Burglary | |
| Bates Blvd./Davis Rd. | |
| Orinda Theater | |
| Hit And Run Misdemeanor | |
| Rite Aid | |
| Reckless Driving | |
| Beverages And More | |
| Moraga Way/Coral Dr. | |
| San Pablo Dam Rd./Bear Creek Rd. | |
| Camino Pablo/Claremont Ave. | |
| Moraga Way/Ivy Dr. | |
| Throw From Moving Vehicle | |
| Barbara Rd./Spring Rd. | |
| Traffic Hazard | |
| 100 Block Block Rheem Blvd. | |
| Rheem Blvd./Glorietta Blvd. | |
| 100 Block Spring Rd. | |
| Moraga Way/Eastwood Dr. | |
| Estates Dr./Orchard Rd. | |
| Safeway | |
| Vehicle Theft | |
| 500 Block Tahos Rd. | |

Other criminal activity

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| Battery | |
| Wilder Sports Fields | |
| Dependent Adult Abuse | |
| Orinda Senior Village | |
| 10 Block Ramona Dr. | |
| Grand Theft | |
| Safeway | |
| Grand Theft From Vehicle | |
| Wilder Sports Fields | |
| Identity Theft | |
| First Republic Bank | |
| Petty Theft | |
| Del Rey School | |
| Police Department | |
| Petty Theft From Vehicle | |
| 10 Block Idyll Ct. | |
| Vandalism | |
| 10 Block Orinda Way | |
| Nation's | |
| 80 Block Davis Rd. | |
| Camino Pablo/North Ln. | |
| 600 Block Crossridge Terrace | |
| Warrant Arrest | |
| 7700 Block Edgewater Dr., Oakland | |

Nuisance to the Community

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| Disturbing the Peace | |
| Brookside Rd./Moraga Way | |
| Drunk In Public | |
| Beverages And More | |
| Loud Music | |
| 10 Block La Campana Rd. (2) | |
| Loud Music | |
| Lombardy Ln./Irving Ln. | |
| Loud Noise | |
| Ivy Dr./Moraga Way | |
| Loud Party | |
| Lombardy Ln./Van Ripper Ln. | |
| Phone Harass | |
| 40 Block Ivy Dr. | |
| Public Nuisance | |
| Camino Pablo/Miner Rd. | |
| School Assembly Check | |
| Sleepy Hollow School | |
| MHS (3) | |
| Del Rey Elementary | |
| Orinda Intermediate School | |

Other

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|---------------------------|--|
| Accident Injury | |
| Woodland Rd./Moraga Way | |
| Moraga Way/Coral Dr. | |
| Wilder Sports Fields | |
| Accident Property | |
| 400 Block Moraga Way | |
| 100 Block Glorietta Blvd. | |
| Police Department | |
| Panhandling | |
| Nation's | |

Fire Districts

Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Board of Directors
Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
Go to the website for meeting location, times and agendas. Visit www.mofd.org



ConFire

Board of Directors
Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1:30 p.m.
Board Chamber room 107, Administration Building, 651 Pine St., Martinez. For meeting times and agendas, visit <http://alturl.com/5p9pu>.



Lafayette residential occupancy fire inspections nearly complete

By Nick Marnell



ConFire Capt. Steve Aubert prepares to inspect the post indicator valve. Photos Nick Marnell

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District made several changes to its fire prevention bureau in order to catch up on past due fire inspections and Fire Chief Jeff Carman has assured Lafayette residents that all mandated residential occupancy inspections will have been completed by the end of the year.

Schools and residential occupancies with three or more dwelling units are subject to mandatory annual fire inspections. The district fell behind with its inspections after the recession due to budget cutbacks and the inability to hire qualified personnel and, according to Carman, ConFire had to prioritize the inspections, doing those that could cause the largest loss of life and prop-

erty first, such as residential care homes.

With improved finances and a sharper focus on the lagged inspections, ConFire hired four new fire inspectors in the summer and reassigned two inspectors from the engineering department to help out with the backlog; it also stopped assisting the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District with fire inspections in order to concentrate on its own workload. ConFire then hired several temporary clerks to input the data for the field inspectors, which allowed the inspectors to spend more time in the field. The district also added a temporary fire inspector.

The larger staff allowed ConFire to complete its inspections of the 11 Lafayette education facilities in June and to tackle the inspections of the city’s 159 commercial residential structures.

A random review of Lafayette inspection reports, from a fourplex on Bickerstaff Street to the iconic Lafayette Park Hotel, showed that the most common violations included failure to service fire extinguishers, inspect sprinkler systems and test fire alarms. Occasionally, a structure received a “No violations” report, as did the building on Bickerstaff. The hotel was cited for repairs needed on its fire doors,

which must not only close but latch shut to stop smoke and fire from spreading into corridors and stairs. “We installed new hallway carpet with a higher pile so the doors were not completely closing on their own,” said Nick Bozycz, Lafayette Park Hotel general manager. “The doors were shaved and the doors close properly now.”

Fire Prevention Capt. Steve Aubert conducted an inspection of a Lafayette apartment complex. “We don’t schedule these visits. You want to see things on their worst day,” he said.

Aubert first checked that the fire roads were properly marked, and that the fire hydrants were not blocked. He saw the structure had a sprinkler system, so he checked the post indicator valve – the valve that controls the sprinkler system. It was operational. The fire department connection inlets were accessible and functioning, ensuring an adequate water supply.

“We are not allowed to go into individual apartments,” Aubert said, as he inspected the in-door common areas, corridors, hallways and elevators. He found his first violation along one of the inside walls: the fire extinguisher was not stamped as tested.

Fire rated doors were inspected for smoke seals. The elevator



Aubert tests the fire department connection.

ConFire’s Carman named fire chief of the year

By Nick Marnell



Jeff Carman Lamo archive

The California Fire Chiefs Association named Contra Costa County Fire Protection

District Chief Jeff Carman as its 2018 statewide fire chief of the year at its annual conference in Sacramento. The Ronny Jack Coleman award is named after retired State Fire Marshal Ronny Coleman and recognized Carman as a role model for all fire chiefs in the state as demonstrated through his leadership and management, not only with ConFire but also regionally and statewide.

“We are so proud that Chief Carman has been recognized for his achievements,” said Karen Mitchoff, chair of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. “We are fortunate to have him serve our community, and congratulate him and those who support him on this special recognition from his peers.” The

county board of supervisors, which doubles as the ConFire board of directors, recognized Carman during its Oct. 9 meeting.

Jeff Meston, president of the fire chiefs association and fire chief of the South Lake Tahoe Fire Department, specifically praised Carman’s efforts in securing state funding for prepositioning of local strike teams and for the formation of the Alliance, the partnership between ConFire and American Medical Response to deliver emergency medical service to the bulk of Contra Costa County. “Agencies all over the state are watching the progress of that EMS model,” said Meston, who also noted that 22 different local strike teams had

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