Broschard named new ConFire chief

By Nick Marnell

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District board of directors elevated Deputy Fire Chief Lewis Broschard to the position of fire chief March 12, effecting a quick and seamless transition between Broschard and retiring Fire Chief Jeff Carman, who departs at the end of March. Broschard assumes his new role April 1.

"It's been an incredible journey over the past five and a half years, and collectively we've all done a lot of great work. I'm looking forward to

continuing that momentum in the years to come," Broschard told the board.

Broschard, a 25-year fire service veteran, joined Con-Fire in 2007 as a fire inspector. He rose through the ranks as fire prevention captain, fire marshal and assistant fire chief and was promoted to deputy fire chief in 2015. As deputy chief, Broschard supervised the five district assistant chiefs.

"Lewis has been 100 percent involved in all decisions that have been made in the organization," Carman said. "I know Lewis will carry on

as he has for the last five and a half years."

Broschard noted the district's relationship with the city of Lafayette, stressing that a continuous focus needs to be maintained in planning for future development, building standards in the city that address the threat of wildland fire, and proactive emergency preparedness that includes the city, district and residents. "Our relationship has strengthened over the last several years and I'm looking forward to continuing supporting a strong working relationship with the city into

the future," he said.

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One of the first district projects expected to be completed under Broschard would help throttle the spread of a wildland fire in western Lafayette. "The grand reopening of Fire Station 16 in April is going to mark the end of a lengthy process to bring back a critical piece of emergency response capacity to the city of Lafayette. We are all excited to bring Engine 16 back and look forward to seeing many of our neighbors and residents at the reopening ceremony," Broschard said.



Photo provided **Chief Lewis Broschard**

Fire chief departs with the respect and appreciation of the rank and file



Photo Steve Hill, ConFire

Fire Chief Jeff Carman pins a new reserve firefighter March 11 at the Briones Station.

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Jeff Carman retires from the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District March 29, after more than five years as

fire chief. Much has been written about his accomplishments with the district, but Carman often stressed that the thing that mattered to him most was his relationship with his people. He may not have realized it, but his people noticed, as evidenced by the feelings they shared about their own relationships with the chief:

"He sent out a letter when he first got here, and at the bottom, he signed it 'Jeff.' 'Oh, no!' I thought. 'Not one of these guys who is trying to be cool, and be 'in' with the rank and file.' But you know what? He genuinely is 'Jeff.' One of the most real and honest people I have ever worked with." Capt. Josh Andrews

"I was sent on a strike team, to the Carr Fire, and we were assigned to an area near where the chief's house was (Redding). I thought everyone was kidding about that so I blew it off. But it was near his house! He invited us to his home for dinner with his family. We hadn't had a home-cooked meal in ages.

He's a firefighters' fire chief." Capt. Jason Conner

'I was on a call at a structure fire in East County. I had to cut a hole in the roof, probably not a smart thing for me to have done. 'Excellent work the other night,' Carman said, after he had seen a video of the call. 'I'm glad you got off the roof OK. In my time, I've probably been on a roof I shouldn't have been, either.' I've never heard a bad word about him anywhere in the district." - Capt. Jeff Landis

The chief's employees appreciated how he connected with them personally and how genuinely he came across. "We're both from Grass Valley. He would talk with me about our experiences there. I've worked with good chiefs and bad chiefs and I definitely know the difference. Carman is the best one I've had." – Capt. Brent

"I used to deliver pizzas in the Roseville area, and I would deliver to Carman's station (he worked at the Roseville Fire Department).

Years later, he's now my fire chief. At my captain's ceremony, he remembered that and said it was a special moment." – Capt. Denis Ware

"He is by far the most approachable, down-to-earth chief ever. He blows me away. I felt an instant connection with him. I can't think of one negative thing to say about him." - Capt. Elia Alailima

"I could always be myself with him, and honest. He was always honest with me in return. I always thought that as people climbed the ladder, all that went away. But with him, it did not." - Dispatcher Jeannine Owens

Carman's respect as a leader was palpable. "I'm just a fire captain, but he always listened to what I had to say. I am also the district grant manager, and he gave me the room to make things happen. I always felt I had his backing." – Capt. Shane Kelly

"I've been a captain since 2017. At the pinning ceremony, he shook my hand, and smiled, and I could tell it was genuine. He's got an unmis-

takable sense of command, but still down to earth. He makes you want to do better." – Conner

"He always listened to the rank and file. He was real. I felt like I've known him for vears. And he was the first chief ever to work on the Fourth of July!" – Dispatcher Margee Freundenthal

"He gave us the opportunity to bring our reserve program back to where it used to be. I felt comfortable as a member of this organization talking about whatever I needed to talk to him about." - Capt. Sam Nichols

"He changed the culture, to provide strict accountability for our professional behavior - both inside and outside the station." – Engineer Angela Johnson-Davis

Kelly wrapped up his interview with fitting words to wrap up this article. "I offer the chief a thank you for stepping up and guiding us," he said.

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Fire District Public Meetings **Moraga-Orinda Fire District**

Board of Directors Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m. Go to the website for meeting location, times and agendas. Visit www.mofd.org



ConFire

Board of Directors Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 p.m. Board Chamber Room 107, Administration Building 651 Pine St., Martinez.



For meeting times and agendas, visit www.cccfpd.org

Public Safety

Emergency response: Emergency: 24 Hours Police Dispatch: 24 Hours

911 925-284-5010 Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777 or go to www.nixle.com

Via Baja/Via Alta

Other criminal activity

Commercial Burglary

Petty Theft

Shoplift

Trespass

Barking Dog

Harassment

Loud Music

Loud Noise

Intoxicated Subject

Police Department

3500 Block Oliver Ct.

900 Block Dolores Dr.

Petty Theft Bicycle

1000 Block 2Nd St.

3600 Blk Mt. Diablo Blvd.

3500 Blk Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)

300 Block Willoughby Ct. (2)

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)

3600 Blk Mt. Diablo Blvd.

3500 Blk Mt. Diablo Blvd.

20 Block Lafayette Cr

1000 Block Carol Ln.

Disturbance-Domestic

1100 Block Oak Hill Rd.

Nuisance to the Community

3500 Blk Mt. Diablo Blvd.

900 Block Village Center

700 Block Los Palos Mnr.

3300 Block Moraga Blvd.

3200 Block Andreasen Dr.

1000 Block Dewing Av

1300 Block San Reliez Ct.

St. Marys Rd./Woodview Dr.

3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Pd Laf Police Department

3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

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Lafayette Police Department **Incident Summary**

Feb. 24 - March 9

Alarms 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) Traffic Suspicious Circumstances 9 Suspicious Subject Suspicious Vehicle Service to Citizen Patrol Request/ Security Check Vacation House Check Supplemental Report Welfare Check **Vehicle violations**

Abandoned Vehicle

Laurel Dr./Deer Hill Rd. 3300 Block Sweet Dr. 1300 Block Martino Rd.

Ac Pd Needed

Auto Burglary 3700 Block St Francis Dr. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Police Department 1000 Block Carol Ln. 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Hit And Run Misdemeanor

600 Block Los Palos Dr. 3500 Block School St.

Reckless Driving Taylor Blvd./Withers Av 3300 Blk Springhill Rd. Silverado Dr./Burton Dr. St. Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.

Traffic Hazard 3200 Block Andreasen Dr. 3200 Block Palomares St. Happy Valley Rd. At South

Upper Happy Valley Rd./Happy Valley

. 3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

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925-283-3680 925-299-3221 94549Tip@gmail.com

329 Rheem Blvd.,

Chief of Police, Jon King Orinda Police Department: 22 Orinda Way

ext. 7049 925-254-6820

925-888-7055

Report

3200 Block Stanley Blvd. 3400 Block Golden Gate Way 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2) 18 Computer Fraud 124 500 Block Silverado Dr. Fraud Credit Card 26 500 Block Silverado Dr. 20 **Grand Theft** 62 S Lucille Ln/St. Marys Rd. 3300 Block Orchard Valley Ln. 27 **Identity Theft** 22 3900 Block Canyon Rd. 18 1000 Block Via Nueva 10 3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Misc Burglary 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)

3000 Block Old Tunnel Rd. 3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Elizabeth St./Deer Hill Rd.

4000 Blk Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)

Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd. Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd.

St. Marys Rd./N Silverado Dr. Lucas Dr./Michael Ln.

El Nido Ranch Rd./Wb Sr 24 Moraga Rd./Sky Hy Dr., Mor Bart Lot

Lafayette Police Department:

Loud Party

Other

Windsor Dr./Mars Ct.

3200 Block Helen Ln.

1300 Block Summit Rd.

Pd Laf Police Department

Stuart St./Mt. Diablo Blvd.

3600 Block Robertson Rd.

1200 Blk Pleasant Hill Rd.

3800 Blk Happy Valley Rd.

3500 Blk Mt. Diablo Blvd.

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)

3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (4)

Public Assembly Check

Lafayete Circle

Mentally Ill Violent

Unwanted Guest

Vandalism

School Assembly Check

Acalanes High School

Public Nuisance

Chief of Police, Mark Nagel Orindatip@cityoforinda.org

Other criminal activity **Beverages And More** Panhandling

Safeway Chevron Residential Burglary

1000 Block Lizann Dr., Laf. Revocation Of Probation Starbucks

Warrant Advise Nations

Chevron 3700 Block Harbor St. Pitt. Brookwood Rd./Camino Pablo

Nuisance to the Community Loud Noise 30 Block Barbara Rd.

Loud Party Silverwood Ct./Tahos Rd.

Phone Harass 10 Block Totterdell Ct.

Public Assembly Check Sleepy Hollow School

20 Block Orinda Way Public Nuisance

10 Block Theatre Sq. 106 School Assembly Check

Del Rey School Miramonte High School (2) Vandalism

60 Block Orinda Way (3) 10 Block Mira Loma (2)

Other

Accident Injury Safeway

Accident Property Bart Orinda Station 100 Block Moraga Way Moraga Way/Brookwood Rd. 10 Block Altarinda Rd Loitering

Safeway Medical Hospital Beverages And More Ordinance Violation La Espiral/La Vuelta

Trespass 10 Block Los Amigos Orinda Country Club Unauthorized Possession

Hwy 24 At St Stephens Dr. Violation Dom Viol Order 10 Block Mira Loma

900 Block Diablo Dr. Moraga Police **Department Incident Summary** Report Feb. 26 - March 10

Alarms 13 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 9 97 1 17

Suspicious Circumstances Suspicious Subject Suspicious Vehicle Service to Citizen 34 Patrol Request/ Security Check 51 Supplemental Report 15 Vacation House Check 18 Welfare Check Vehicle violations Abandoned Vehicle

2100 Block Ascot Dr. Country Club Dr./Canyon Rd. Dui Misd Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr.

Campolindo High School Petty Theft From Vehicle 2000 Block Donald Dr. Reckless Driving Moraga Rd./Ascot Dr. St. Marys College Traffic Hazard

Fraud False Pretenses 10 Block Lance Ct. **Nuisance to the Community** Disturbing The Peace 200 Block Miramonte Dr. Other

Rheem Blyd /Center St

Other criminal activity

500 Block Moraga Rd.

Moraga Rd.

Mentally Ill Commit Campolindo High School **Unwanted Guest** 70 Block Sullivan Dr.



Orinda Police **Department Incident Summary Report** Feb. 24 - March 9 Alarms

45 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 9 Traffic 51 Suspicious Circumstances 9 Suspicious Subject Suspicious Vehicle 10 Service to Citizen 45 Patrol Request/ Security Check 15 Vacation House Check 6 Supplemental Report 10 Welfare Check 8 **Vehicle violations** Abandoned Vehicle 100 Block Catherine Ct.

Auto Burglary 10 Block Camino Sobrante 70 Block Brookwood Rd. 10 Block Mira Loma

10 Block Camino Pablo Hit And Run Felony El Toyonal/Loma Vista Dr. Reckless Driving Camino Pablo/Manzanita Dr.

Moraga Via/Rheem Blvd. Camino Pablo/Eb Sr 24 Camino Pablo/Miner Rd. Tamper With Vehicle 70 Block Muth Dr.