

# Crisp, fresh look for redesigned MOFD website



Screen shot of the website

By Nick Marnell

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District unveiled its upgraded public website in early February with a fresh, contem-

porary design that should be much easier to navigate, especially by visitors with disabilities.

Gloriann Sasser, MOFD administrative services director, oversaw the website redesign, and pointed out

some of the features of the new site. Five tabs on the home page cover basic district categories, and five large buttons on that same page direct visitors to frequently requested areas, such as meeting agendas, plan submissions and career information.

"The website will also work on phones and tablets," Sasser said, and she noted that the site complies with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Coming up with a plan to bring the website up to current ADA standards was the most challenging part of the job, according to Rachel Schultz, project manager for Granicus, the digital technology company that redid the MOFD website. Granicus designed the much-heralded website of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. "Photos, maps, graphics and other

images on the website have tags written into the code that have description or text equivalents of the material being visually conveyed," said Schultz, explaining that this will permit users who rely on screen readers to navigate the content. The MOFD website also incorporates contrast checkers to aid users with visual color impairments, and the site allows visitors to access all information using a keyboard.

The district will pay Granicus \$28,000 over five years, which includes the development and hosting of the website, plus regular maintenance. "We continually update the software, and we do annual health checks, to make sure the district stays up to date in ADA compliance," Schultz said. "We also update the analytics on the visitors to the site."

# ConFire bolsters ability to successfully treat cardiac arrest victims



Photo Nick Mernell

Capt. Jonathan Lemke and firefighter Patrick Kelley at ConFire Station 17

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The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, through its Alliance partnership with American Medical Response, recently purchased 30 new LUCAS devices for its front line apparatus fleet, giving each district operational crew an added method to improve blood flow in victims of cardiac arrest.

"This is a major milestone for our organization," Fire Chief Lewis Broschard said.

According to the district, LUCAS devices – machines that automatically deliver hands-free chest compressions – are part of a ConFire initiative to improve survivability of cardiac events, which includes administering of CPR Highly Defined, a technique that provides highly choreographed, time-driven prompts for management of cardiac arrest. LUCAS devices also free first responders to perform other critical advanced life support tasks during medical incidents, and offer the potential for fewer injuries to first responders while they administer CPR.

Alliance paramedics demonstrated the equipment in December at a district governing board

meeting, and the ConFire crew at Lafayette Station 17 pointed out some of the advantages of the new medical devices, praising their ease of use. "They're great for providing a consistent compression rate with proper depth," firefighter Patrick Kelley said.

The LUCAS device can also be a boon to helping first responders manage a lifesaving call. "It saves the crew time and energy," Capt. Jonathan Lemke said. "It stops interruptions, such as when we're putting a patient onto a gurney or carrying them down stairs."

The device is lightweight, comes in a backpack and can be applied easily to a patient, whether the patient is on the ground, on a bed, or on a stretcher in an ambulance. ConFire spent \$600,000 on the 30 new LUCAS devices, which along with the five already in house will be used not only on front line apparatus but also in operational sessions and training exercises. Each operational truck and engine of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District carries a LUCAS device.

LUCAS is a formal trademark for the Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System, developed and manufactured in Sweden and distributed by Stryker Medical in the United States.

# ConFire adds 22 firefighters



Photo provided

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District added 22 probationary firefighters to its ranks upon the graduation of Academy 54 recruits Feb. 13 in Walnut Creek. The probationary firefighters will fill slots due to retirements, the increased staffing of the district's truck companies to four personnel and the reopening of fire stations – including Fire Station 16 in Lafayette last September.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the graduates were given their orders. Christopher Cropley, who delivered the recruit's

address to the Leshner Center audience, tore open his envelope and found that he was assigned to Lafayette Fire Station 15. "I am excited and eager to serve the residents of Lafayette," Cropley said.

The new firefighters remain on probation for one year. -- Nick Marnell

# An evening of community issues

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they presented their case for the measure on the March 3 ballot, for a parcel tax to benefit the local schools. (See separate article on Measure L, page A2.) Finally, Contra Costa County Transportation Board Member Don Tatzin presented his case for why residents should support Measure J, which would levy a half-cent sales tax for 35 years to raise an estimated \$103 million for transportation and road projects in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County.

According to the measure, money would be used to reduce congestion and fix bottlenecks on highways and roads. Tatzin made the point that the county can't

build its way out of the traffic issues. "You can't just add lanes to 24 or 680," he said, noting that 55% of the money would go toward transit improvements. Tatzin said that they would be able to further explore bike lanes, increase school bus services and use funds to make BART cleaner and safer.

Time was allowed following each presenter for questions and answers. The evening was a chance for conversation about each of the three issues.

Mulvaney even commented at a city council meeting several days later to the mayor that he had learned more about how the city is run in the mayor's 20-minute presentation than he had known in his previous 32 years of living here.

The mayor's State of the City PowerPoint presentation is available on the city website at [www.lovelafayette.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=6076](http://www.lovelafayette.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=6076)

## Fire District Public Meetings

**Moraga-Orinda Fire District**  
Board of Directors  
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.  
Go to the website for meeting location, times and agendas.  
Visit [www.mofd.org](http://www.mofd.org)



## ConFire

Board of Directors  
Tuesday, March 10, 1:00 p.m.  
Board Chamber Room 107,  
Administration Building  
651 Pine St., Martinez.  
For meeting times and agendas, visit [www.cccfpd.org](http://www.cccfpd.org)



## Public Safety

**Emergency response:**  
Emergency: 24 Hours 911  
Police Dispatch: 24 Hours  
925-284-5010

Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777 or go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)  
**Lafayette Police Department:**  
3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
925-283-3680

Chief of Police, Ben Alldritt  
925-299-3221

Police Department Tip Line  
94549Tip@gmail.com  
Police Department Traffic Issues  
94549Traffic@gmail.com

**Moraga Police Department:**  
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055  
Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049

**Orinda Police Department:**  
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820  
Chief of Police, David M. Cook  
925-254-6820  
[Orindatip@cityoforinda.org](mailto:Orindatip@cityoforinda.org)

## Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report

**Jan. 26 - Feb. 8**  
Alarms 54  
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 15  
Traffic 127  
Suspicious Circumstances 8  
Suspicious Subject 18  
Suspicious Vehicle 14



Service to Citizen 50  
Patrol Req./Security Check 47  
Public/School Assembly Check 2  
Supplemental Report 29  
Vacation House Check 10  
Welfare Check 13

### Vehicle violations

**Auto Burglary**  
1200 Block Del Arroyo Ct.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
1200 Block El Curtola Blvd.  
**DUI Misdemeanor**  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Exhibition Of Speed**  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Reliez Creek  
**Hit And Run Misdemeanor**  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Dewing Ave.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Police Department**  
900 Block Oakhill Rd.  
4000 Block Valente Dr.  
3700 Block Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Petty Theft From Vehicle**  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Reckless Driving**  
St. Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.  
Wb Sr 24 At Wilder Rd., Ori  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd. (2)  
Reliez Station Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Risa Rd.  
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
1000 Block Carol Ln.  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.

### Other criminal activity

Counterfeit 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Forgery 900 Block Moraga Rd.  
Fraud Credit Card 3300 Block Kincheloe Ct.  
Fraud False Pretenses 1100 Block Via Media  
Grand Theft 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Grand Theft Vehicle Parts

3500 Block Brook St.  
Identity Theft  
Police Department  
600 Block Sky Hy Cir.  
**Petty Theft**  
3200 Block Elvia St.  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.  
**Robbery**  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Shoplift**  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (9)  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Theft Access Card**  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-domestic  
800 Block Reliez Station Rd.  
3900 Block Cowan Rd. (2)  
**Disturbance-fight**  
1000 Block Carol Ln.  
Eb Sr 24 At Oak Hill Rd.  
**Disturbing The Peace**  
3800 Block Happy Valley Rd.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Drunk In Public**  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Laf  
**Harassment**  
900 Block Hough Ave.  
500 Block St. Mary's Rd.  
**Loud Noise**  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Public Nuisance**  
3000 Block Camino Diablo  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
800 Block Rosedale Ave.  
Hartwood Ct./Silverado Dr.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Vandalism**  
3400 Block Moraga Blvd.  
100 Block Bacon Ct.  
900 Block 3Rd St.  
1000 Block Buchan Dr.

**Vandalism - Felony**  
Oak Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.  
**Other**  
Oattery 3400 Block School St.  
**Ordinance Violation**  
1000 Block Dewing Ave.  
**Threats**  
Acalanes Rd./El Nido Ranch Rd.  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
**Trespass**  
1800 Block Del Rey St.  
**Unwanted Guest**  
3400 Block Moraga Blvd.  
**Violation Restraining Order**  
Police Department

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Alarms 6  
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 3  
Traffic 37  
Suspicious Circumstances 3  
Suspicious Subject 3  
Suspicious Vehicle 4  
Service to Citizen 27  
Patrol Req./Security Check 27  
Supplemental Report 6  
Vacation House Check 6  
Welfare Check 2  
**Vehicle violations**  
Accident Property Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.  
**Auto Burglary**  
Not Available  
Not Available  
Moraga Commons  
DUI Misdemeanor



St. Marys Rd./Stafford Dr.  
Excessive Speed  
Moraga Rd./Lucas Dr.  
Moraga Rd./Via Granada  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
40 Block Hardie Dr.  
Reckless Driving  
Camino Ricardo/Moraga Way  
Canyon Rd./Camino Pablo  
St. Marys Rd./Moraga Rd.  
Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.  
**Other criminal activity**  
Fraud Credit Card  
900 Block Country Club Dr.  
Identity Theft  
Police Department  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-domestic  
Not Available  
Drunk In Public  
Canyon Rd./Camino Pablo  
Loud Party  
Not Available  
1700 Block Camino Pablo  
Not Available  
Vandalism  
1100 Block Moraga Way  
**Other**  
Aailure To Obey  
Moraga Rd./Via Granada  
Fireworks  
Rimer Dr./Camino Pablo  
Joquin Moraga Int. School



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