

MOFD awarded wildfire preparedness grant

By Nick Marnell

Moraga-Orinda Fire District Fire Marshall Jeff Isaacs announced another boost to his fire prevention efforts with the award of a \$15,000 grant from the California Fire Foundation. Isaacs plans to use the funds to develop an interactive fire prevention website, Prepared MOFD, which will feature educational material covering wildfire safety and commu-

nity preparedness unique to the residents of the district. "The end goal for all of our wildfire preparedness efforts is to prevent death and injuries," Isaacs said. "In concert with nearly a dozen active community risk reduction projects, the proposed website is intended to act as both a primary and secondary vehicle to deliver information targeted to all residents of the fire district, with emphasis placed on our higher risk populations."

Isaacs envisions the website as an interactive multimedia platform providing wildfire safety, community preparedness and fire prevention information via educational videos and interactive courses, plus serving as a hub for district forms and documents related to fire prevention, fuels mitigation and fire safety.

Prepared MOFD will feature an FAQ section, dealing with questions like, What is a ladder fuel? (A fuel that al-

lows fire to travel from the ground into the tree canopy.) Or, how do I remove leaf litter from my gutter? Also envisioned are links to photos of members of the fire prevention staff, providing the ability for the public to ask questions related to their specific prevention issues.

Isaacs said he will hire a website consultant to design and create the new site, but he and the fire prevention staff will develop the content. The fire marshal plans a

strong marketing and educational campaign, featuring videos presented at community and neighborhood events and flyers distributed throughout the district.

The MOFD board voted unanimously Feb. 19 to accept the \$15,000 award.

The district continues to seek grant funding for its fire prevention efforts, such as through programs sponsored by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Rescue One Foundation reaches out to local high school students



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The Rescue One Foundation, an adjunct nonprofit organization to the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, is sponsoring an essay contest on innovative

uses of technology to increase the effectiveness of emergency evacuation notifications within the district's jurisdiction. The contest, aimed at local area high school students, features a \$500 college schol-

arship prize and runs through April 30.

According to Fire Chief Dave Winnacker, most district evacuation scenarios involve a partial evacuation due to limited street capacity, with the concern that a mass evacuation notice would create major traffic delays and put residents at increased risk. Thus, limited evacuations are prioritized and time-phased in order to first contact those nearest the threat before streets become congested.

"The purpose of this essay contest is to identify new and innovative ways to contact residents in the event of an evacuation," Winnacker said. Current evacuation notifications include phone calls to a

landline, or phone calls, texts and emails to residents who have registered with the Community Warning System. The district conducted wildfire evacuation drills in Moraga in 2018 and in Orinda last year.

"Who knows more about technology than our young people?" said Gordon Nathan, Rescue One president. "Maybe they saw something during our evacuation drills and were hesitant to bring it up, or didn't know where to bring it up."

Rescue One officials have contacted the Acalanes Union High School District with contest details, and the school district plans to schedule wildfire evacuation presentations by the fire chief to the students at

Campolindo and Miramonte high schools.

The essay contest is open to those who attend either an Orinda or Moraga high school, local residents who attend a high school out of the area or district home-schooled high school students. The winning submission will be judged on ease of implementation and effectiveness of the evacuation proposal. An application and contest details are available at the Rescue One website.

"Evacuation is a real concern to our public, and picking the brains of our students for evacuation ideas that could give us better drills that can save lives will put us on a clear path to fire safety," Nathan said.

Moraga Road to close for repairs

The city of Lafayette will be performing street pavement repairs along Moraga Road between Sky Hi Drive/Via Granada at the Moraga/Lafayette city limit, and Old Jonas Hill Road between March 30 and April 3. The "patch and leveling"

paving which will smooth out sections of the road has been scheduled to correspond with spring break to minimize disruption. The repairs will require closing the road in both directions between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and traffic will be de-

toured around this section of Moraga Road. Residents living between the limits of the road-work will need to speak with a traffic controller to be allowed into the closure. Garbage, postal and delivery services will be allowed in.

Changeable message signs will be placed near the limits of work to warn of the road closure. City staff asks residents to be respectful to the traffic controllers and to allow extra driving time to detour around the closure.

Residents can contact the engineering department at (925) 284-1951 with specific questions. Daily updates will be available on the city's website during the project at <https://www.lovelafayette.org/>. -- P. Fisher

Orinda City Council won't be hurried to adopt proposed fire code

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Miller also said that she has received complaints about Caltrans cutting down trees. Winnacker said, "Caltrans says it is exempt and they won't work with us." Miller raised the issue of slope stabilization and Winnacker replied that only a small number of trees need to be removed, except for the eucalyptus trees and Monterey Pines. Miller then suggested that there needed to be some joint meetings with Moraga, MOFD and the

County. "To even call this a rough draft is really a stretch," she conclude.

Kosla agreed. "The intent is great ... but trying to get this all done in a relatively short period" presents problems. He spoke of cost issues, current projects, realtors in Orinda, enforcement, availability of loans, and escrow procedures. "It has to be very explicit," he said. And, he added, this will affect how downtown will look.

Worth thanked Winnacker and said she absolutely shares his goal, but continues to have concern

about a declaration of Orinda's fire status. "What I hear is that it is already in place, which is very different from self-declaration of WUI."

Fay said that he, for one, has a very real sense of urgency, and suggested that it might be possible to separate the fire code into two parts, one dealing with existing

houses, and another dealing with new development, which, he said, is not rapid. "I'm worried about the next fire season," he said, and asked about mapping out Firewise communities. "We can help you if we have the tools," he noted.

Mayor Darlene Gee commended Winnacker for

everything he's done. "This is very important and very urgent," she said. Gee loved Miller's idea of joint meetings, concluding that "a lot of things haven't been implemented for so many years." The matter was then deferred to a date uncertain.

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
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



Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report
Feb. 23 - March 7

Alarms	67
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	11
Traffic	109
Suspicious Circumstances	12
Suspicious Subject	14
Suspicious Vehicle	33
Service to Citizen	56
Patrol Req./Security Check	40
Public/School Assembly Check	1
Supplemental Report	52
Vacation House Check	1
Welfare Check	25

Vehicle violations

Attempted Stolen Vehicle	1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
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Auto Burglary

3400 Block Golden Gate Way
3500 Block Terrace Way
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Exhibition Of Speed

Mt. Diablo Blvd./Mt. Diablo Ct.

Grand Theft From Vehicle

3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.

Hit And Run Misdemeanor

10 Block Wallabi Ct.
3700 Block Sundale Rd.
15t St/Eb Sr 24
Greenvally Dr./Pleasant Hill Rd.
Petty Theft Veh Parts
Deer Hill Rd./Oak Hill Rd.
Reckless Driving
900 Block Moraga Rd.
Old Tunnel Rd./Manzana Pl.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Happy Valley Rd.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Mountain View Dr.
3300 Block Moraga Blvd.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Greenvally Dr.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Dewing Ave.
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Oak Hill Rd./Wb Sr 24
Eb Sr 24 At Pleasant Hill Rd.
Stolen Vehicle Recovery
10 Block Eleven
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Vehicle Theft
1200 Block Sunset Loop
3500 Block Terrace Way

Other criminal activity

Commercial Burglary

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
200 Block Lafayette Cr.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Forgery

800 Block Mountain View Dr.

Fraud False Pretenses

1000 Block Magnolia Ln.
1400 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
10 Block My Rd.
1000 Block Dewing Ave.
100 Block Camellia Ln.
3800 Block Los Arabis Dr.

Identity Theft

3300 Block Sweet Dr.
600 Block Burton Dr.
10 Block Valley High
900 Block Stow Ln.
3900 Block S Peardale Dr.

Petty Theft

3400 Block School St. (2)
Stanley Intermediate School
900 Block Reliez Station Rd.
900 Block Moraga Rd.
3200 Block Elvia St.
3800 Block Happy Valley Rd.
60 Block Lafayette Cir.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Petty Theft Bicycle

3400 Block School St.

Residential Burglary

3500 Block Moraga Blvd.
500 Block Merriewood Dr.
3400 Block Springhill Rd.

Shoplift

3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Nuisance to the Community

Disturbance-domestic

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Disturbing The Peace

El Nido Ranch Rd./Sunnyhill Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Loud Music

3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.
100 Block Of Lafayette Cir.
Mountain View Dr./Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Loud Noise

1000 Block Leland Dr.

Public Nuisance

3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
El Curtola Blvd./Bart Track
10 Block Roxanne Ln.
3300 Block Hermosa Way
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Vandalism

200 Block Lafayette Cir.
1300 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
900 Block Hough Ave.
500 Block Silverado Dr.

Other

Defraud Innkeeper

3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

H&S Violation

3200 Block Withers Ave.

K9 Outside Assist Request

200 Block Siino West Ave., Bpo
400 Block Bolla Pl., Rou

Mentally Ill Violent

3500 Block Golden Gate Way

Threats

Wb Sr 24 At Acalanes Rd.
Police Department

Unwanted Guest

3400 Block Moraga Blvd.

Violation Custody Order

1200 Block Warner Ct.

Violation Restraining Order

20 Block Sweet Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Vehicle violations

Dui Misd
Paseo Grande/Paseo Del Rio
Excessive Speed
Rheem Blvd./Chalda Way
Moraga Rd./Ascot Dr.
Moraga Rd./St. Marys Rd. (3)
Rheem Blvd./Glorietta Blvd.
Rheem Blvd./Stuart Ct.
Moraga Rd./The Skate Park
Seven Eleven
Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.
Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr.
Moraga Way/Moraga Valley Ln.
Rheem Blvd./Moraga Rd.
Reckless Driving
Canyon Rd./Camino Pablo
Campolindo High School
Canyon Rd./Larch Ave.
Moraga Rd./St. Marys Rd. (2)
St. Marys Rd./Carter Dr.
Shuey Dr./Larch Ave.
20 Block Hour Fitness
Moraga Rd./School St.

Other criminal activity

Embezzlement

500 Block Moraga Rd.

Extortion

St. Marys College

Identity Theft

Indian Wells/St Andrews Dr.
Moraga Commons Park

Petty Theft

Campolindo High School

Nuisance to the Community

Disturbing The Peace
10 Block Hastings Ct.

Loud Noise

200 Block Corliss Dr. (2)

Loud Party

Not Available

Other

Fish And Game

St. Marys College

H&S/Poss Of Controlled Substanz

Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr.

Violation Restraining Order

Police Department

Suspicious Circumstances	3
Suspicious Subject	12
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Wilder Sports Fields
Reckless Driving
Camino Pablo/Ardilla Rd.
Rheem Blvd./Glorietta Blvd.
Camino Sobrante/Orinda Way
Tc - Property Damage
Theatre Square
Orinda Way/Santa Maria Way
10 Block St Stephens Dr.
Irwin Way/Orinda Way

Other criminal activity

Burglary

300 Block La Espiral

Fraud False Pretenses

Police Department
40 Block Lost Valley Dr.
Bank Of America

Petty Theft

Miramonte High School
Police Department

Residential Burglary

50 Block Miner Rd.
600 Block Crossridge Terrace

Shoplift

Rite Aid

Warrant Arrest

Orinda Community Center
10 Block Lost Valley Dr.
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way
Beverages And More

Nuisance to the Community

Public Nuisance
100 Block Estates Dr.
Vandalism
Rite Aid

Other

Accident Property
100 Block Moraga Way
Police Department
Failure To Obey
Jackson Way/Danville Blvd., Ala
Ordinance Violation
100 Block Moraga Way
Simple Assault
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way
Unwanted Guest
Safeway
Violation Dom Viol Order
Police Department



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