

Lamorinda fire agencies in solid shape to confront pandemic

By Nick Marnell

Officials from both Lamorinda fire agencies stressed that their ability to deliver emergency medical care during the COVID-19 crisis has not been compromised, assuring residents that proper protocols are in place to halt the spread of the virus among both emergency personnel and district residents.

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District has expanded its cleaning and decontamination of fire stations, apparatus and turnout gear, and has ordered a large supply of gloves, masks and gowns for use by personnel on emergency calls. "Residents can be assured that we are taking extra precautions to prevent exposure to the coronavirus, both to ourselves and to the patients we treat," Chief Dave Winnacker

said.

If MOFD employees show flu-like symptoms – cough, fever, headache – they are tested, and if positive for COVID-19, are isolated at home or at a district shelter. Through the last week of March, no MOFD suppression personnel had tested positive for the coronavirus.

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, an agency more than five times the size of MOFD, announced that 18 of its employees had been tested through late March, with 12 confirmed as negative, two isolated off-duty awaiting results, and four testing positive. Those four remain off-duty and await a return date based on federal guidelines. ConFire had instituted emergency dispatch protocols and personal protective equipment protocols for added

safety early in the crisis.

"It is very understandable for the patients we treat to have many concerns about exposure to the coronavirus but, in our view, treatment by well-protected first responders should not be one of those concerns," said Peter Benson, ConFire medical director.

Both districts said that the pandemic has not imperiled day-to-day operation. According to ConFire spokesman Steve Hill, the district is fully staffed for the foreseeable future, with volunteers taking overtime assignments. "People need not panic over the lack of emergency medical services," Hill said.

MOFD will add four new firefighters to its roster in April and Winnacker said he does not expect any immediate problems with district staffing.



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Letters to the editor

Regarding coronavirus coverage

Notwithstanding the disclaimer on page 1 of your March 18, 2020, edition (as to the unavoidable possibility of outdated coronavirus information being included), you still have the obligation to accurately dispense what facts you do have with the solemnity warranted by this unprecedented emergency. Sadly, editorial decision-making got off to a bad start with the inclusion of the photo at the top-left of page 1 showing church board members gleefully practicing "safe distancing" without actually doing so, let alone doing so correctly. In spite of your disclaimer, this photo was outdated before it was even taken -- whenever that was. In fact, truly safe social distancing should have resulted

in a few of the attendees not even being present for the photo. (As a 64-year-old, I have standing to make a guess, and my guess is that at least four of the seven persons pictured should have stayed home to effect proper social distancing for seniors.) And whatever it is they are doing with their arms, it's definitely not humorous nor, more importantly, is it the least bit instructive for social distancing purposes. With regard to the coronavirus pandemic, please stick to the facts and present them in a way that does not detract from the seriousness of this situation. Doing so will provide a valuable service to your readers.

Randall Richmond
Lafayette

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On the front lines at senior living facilities

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The residents spend a lot more time in their rooms where meals are now served. To avoid disruption of the stable routine for some residents, a few are allowed to eat in the dining hall, one at a time.

Tana Gall, president of the Blue Harbor Senior Living Group that manages Merrill Garden in Lafayette, also said that visits are no longer permit-

ted and residents have to stay in their apartments where the meals are served. Those who decide to go live with family are not allowed to return until the crisis is resolved.

Moraga Royale resident Cliff Dochterman says that he feels fine, though the time spent in his apartment can be lonely. He adds that just like everybody else, the residents have a lot more questions than they have answers, and they follow the directions, which he says seem reasonable.

Activities still happen, but only in small numbers. Wilson explains that the popular bingo, for example, is played several times a day with little groups sitting far apart. One-on-one activities are also encouraged to relieve the anxiety that can manifest with some residents.

Wilson adds that procedures have been established should a resident become ill. What they need most at this time, besides tests, she says, is masks.

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

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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report
March 8 - March 21



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| Alarms | 45 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 14 |
| Traffic | 132 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 8 |
| Suspicious Subject | 24 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 18 |
| Service to Citizen | 54 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check | 51 |
| Public/School Assembly Check | 7 |
| Supplemental Report | 18 |
| Vacation House Check | 5 |
| Welfare Check | 21 |
| Vehicle violations | |
| Auto Burglary | |
| 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. | |
| 3900 Block N Peardale Dr. | |
| 3100 Block Old Tunnel Rd. | |
| Olympic Blvd./Reliez Station Rd. | |
| Grand Theft From Vehicle | |
| 1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd. | |
| Hit And Run Misdemeanor | |
| 3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. | |
| 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. | |
| Petty Theft From Vehicle | |
| 3100 Block Old Tunnel Rd. | |
| 900 Block Dolores Dr. | |

Reckless Driving
Pleasant Hill Rd./Olympic Blvd.
Moraga Blvd./2Nd St.
Martino Rd./Vista Bella
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Hwy 24 / Central Lafayette
Stolen Vehicle Recovery
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Vehicle Theft
3400 Block Golden Gate Way
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3100 Block Linda Vista Ln.

Other criminal activity

Attempt - Shoplift
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Grand Theft
10 Block Westminster Pl.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Identity Theft
600 Block Burton Dr.
Police Department
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Boyer Cir.

Panhandling
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Petty Theft
10 Block Westwind Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
3100 Block Old Tunnel Rd.
900 Block Dewing Ave.
3300 Block Moraga Blvd.

Petty Theft Bicycle
900 Block Hawthorn Dr.

Shoplift
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (5)
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Stolen Recovery
Magnolia

Warrant Service
400 Block Helen Ave.

Nuisance to the Community

Disturbance-domestic
3600 Block Robertson Rd.
3300 Block Ridge Rd.
900 Block Village Center
3600 Block Robertson Rd.

Loud Music
Huntleigh Dr./Lucas Dr.

Loud Noise
3200 Block Sweet Dr.

Loud Party
1000 Block 2Nd St.
3500 Block Rowe Pl.
Sweet Dr./Jennie Ct

Public Nuisance
900 Block Dewing Ave.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Glen Rd./Monticello Rd.
1600 Block Taylor Blvd.

Vandalism
3400 Block Moraga Blvd.

Other

Ordinance Violation
1000 Block Dewing Ave.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
10 Block Eleven

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
900 Block Hough Ave.
1700 Block Ivanhoe Ave.
3100 Block Camino Diablo
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (20)
3500 Block Oconner Dr.

Threats
3200 Block Sweet Dr.

Trespass
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.

Unwanted Guest
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.

Violation Custody Order
1200 Block Warner Ct.
3300 Block Helen Ln.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Violation Restraining Order
800 Block Acalanes Rd.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report
March 3 - March 22



Alarms 24

911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 18

Traffic 100

Suspicious Circumstances 3

Suspicious Subject 8

Suspicious Vehicle 14

Service to Citizen 58

Patrol Req./Security Check 73

Supplemental Report 10

Vacation House Check 10

Welfare Check 4

Vehicle violations

Accident Property
Corliss Dr./Ashford Pl.

Auto Burglary
Not Available

Dui Misdemeanor
Rear Parking Lot of Golden Palace
Moraga Rd./Ascot Dr.

Excessive Speed
Moraga Rd./St. Marys Rd. (2)
Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr. (2)
Rimer Dr./Walford Dr.

Dollar Tree
Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.
Carter Dr.

Hodges Dr./Camino Pablo
Rheem Blvd./Center St.
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr. (2)

Rheem Blvd./Moraga Rd. (5)
Moraga Rd./Commons
Moraga Rd./Paseo Linares
CanyonRd./El Pablo

Bank of America Parking Lot
7/11 Parking Lot
24 Hr Fit
Station 41 Moraga Way

Hit And Run Misdemeanor
2000 Block Donald Dr.

Petty Theft From Vehicle
Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.

Reckless Driving
Campolindo High School
Rimer Dr./Oxford Dr.
St. Marys College
Moraga Rd./Moraga Way
Sky View Ct/Knoll Dr.
Moraga Rd./Canyon Rd.
Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.

Safeway

Tc - Property Damage
St. Marys College
Moraga Rd./Via Granada

Trespass W/ Vehicle
Rheem Blvd./Moraga Rd.

Vehicle Theft
1900 Block Ascot Dr.

Other criminal activity

Fraud False Pretenses
30 Block Carr Dr.

Identity Theft
Police Department
3800 Block Paseo Grande

Residential Burglary
200 Block Calle La Mesa

Warrant Arrest
Moraga Rd./Al Ta Mesa Dr.

Nuisance to the Community

Disturbing The Peace
50 Block San Pablo Ct.
1600 Block Camino Pablo

CVS

Loud Music
80 Block Miramonte Dr.
Ascot Dr./Moraga Rd.

Loud Noise
200 Block Corliss Dr. (2)
2100 Block Donald Dr. (2)

Loud Party
3300 Block N Lucille Ln, Laf
2000 Block Ascot Dr.

Public Nuisance
Rheem Valley Shopping Center

Vandalism
100 Block Ascot Ct.
1400 Block Camino Peral
500 Block Moraga Rd.
300 Block Constance Pl.
St. Marys College

Other

Battery
300 Block Rheem Blvd.
Joaquin Moraga Int School

Battery Sexual
Campolindo High School

H&S Violation
200 Block Corliss Dr.

Ordinance Violation
Woodford Dr./Wimpole St.

Library
Rheem Valley Shopping Center
Rimer Dr./Juniper Way



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

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| Alarms | 25 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 9 |
| Traffic | 52 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 3 |
| Suspicious Subject | 8 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 9 |
| Service to Citizen | 81 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check | 96 |
| Public/School Assembly Check | 13 |
| Supplemental Report | 2 |
| Welfare Check | 5 |
| Vehicle violations | |
| Accident Injury | |
| Moraga Way/Leslee Ln. | |
| Accident Property | |
| Loma Vista Dr./El Toyonal | |
| Hit And Run Misdemeanor | |
| Van Tassel Ln./Lombardy Ln. | |
| Reckless Driving | |
| Orchard Rd./Brookside Rd. | |
| St Stephens Dr./Eb Sr 24 | |
| Moraga Way/Orchard Rd. | |
| Camino Pablo/Monte Vista Rd. | |
| Charles Hill Pl/El Nido Ranch Rd. | |
| Wildner Rd./Rabbie Rd. | |
| Tc - Property Damage | |
| Wb Sr 24 At Camino Pablo | |
| Honey Hill Rd./Honey Hill Ct. | |
| Other criminal activity | |
| Found Property | |
| California Shakespeare Theater | |
| Fraud False Pretenses | |
| 10 Block Las Piedras | |
| Grand Theft | |
| Police Department | |
| Identity Theft | |
| Police Department | |
| 10 Block Madrone Pl. | |
| Warrant Arrest | |
| Shell Gas | |
| Camino Pablo/Camino Sobrante | |
| Nuisance to the Community | |
| Loud Music | |
| 60 Block Charles Hill Rd. | |
| Loud Party | |
| 100 Block Moraga Way | |
| Vandalism | |
| 100 Block Fiesta Cir. | |
| Other | |
| Unwanted Guest | |
| McCaulous | |
| 3500 Block Mt Diablo Blvd. Lafayette | |
| 20 Block Orinda Way | |