

# The racial and gender makeup of the Lamorinda fire agencies

By Nick Marnell

Results are mixed as to how Lamorinda fire agencies compare to national and local demographics when it comes to diversity in the workplace.

According to a February report issued by the National Fire Protection Association, 370,000 career firefighters were employed in the U.S. in 2018. Between 2015 and 2018, 4% of the career firefighters were female, 8% African American, 8% Hispanic or Latino and 1% Asian. NFPA figures are the result of its survey of U.S. fire agencies and should not be interpreted as an industry standard.

An analysis of district personnel records as of mid-June shows that the Moraga-Orinda Fire District measures up in three of the national

categories, falling short in the U.S. rate of Black suppression personnel.

But in the communities it serves, the district exceeds the local ratio with its percentage of African American personnel on the front line. In the two major municipalities under district jurisdiction, using the latest U.S. Census Bureau data, Black residents total 1.9% of the population, while MOFD reports a 4% African American workforce.

The opposite is true with MOFD and Asian personnel. Though it clobbers the national rate with 4% Asian firefighters, the district falls behind the 16% Asian population of Orinda and Moraga.

The district is slightly ahead of the U.S. rates of female firefighters at 5%. And it employs Hispanic firefighters

at an 11% rate, higher than both the U.S. average and the 4.5% local population rate.

“MOFD is committed to diversity and continues to seek applicants from all backgrounds to provide the best possible service to our community,” Fire Chief Dave Winnacker said.

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District lists its suppression personnel as 6.4% Asian and 13% Hispanic, above the national average in each category, but below the national averages with 5% Black and 2.7% female firefighters.

A comparison of ConFire numbers to the demographics of Lafayette – 1% African American, 12% Asian, 8% Hispanic – bears results similar to those of MOFD. However, district firefighters ro-

tate among all 27 ConFire companies throughout the county, and only three of those companies lie in Lafayette.

“ConFire is committed to recruiting, hiring, training, and retaining the best and most qualified professionals

possible to provide the emergency services our residents expect,” Fire Chief Lewis Broschard said. “While doing this, we are also committed to building and maintaining a workforce that reflects the unique diversity of the communities we serve.”

## Fire District Public Meetings

### Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Board of Directors  
Wednesday,  
Aug. 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, Aug. 11, 1:00 p.m.  
Board Chamber Room 107,  
Administration Building  
651 Pine St., Martinez.  
For meeting times and agendas, visit [www.cccfd.org](http://www.cccfd.org)



## MOFD comes down hard on fire code violators



Goats can be one solution to abate weeds.

Photo Pippa Fisher

By Nick Marnell

Owners of eight district parcels found out the hard way that the largesse of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District has its limits when it comes to exterior hazard abatement requirements.

Fire district officials have emphasized an educational outreach to residents, as property owners worked to

comply with the district fire code and abate problem vegetation by the middle of June. Parcel owners were sent an informational postcard in April reminding them of the deadline and after June 15, property inspections began.

Having found major fire code violations on their properties, MOFD mailed owners of 13 parcels a Notice to Abate on June 19. Five of those

owners either completed the work required or requested an extension from the district. The eight who ignored the notices were warned that their refusal to adhere to the fire code would result in an abatement hearing before the district board and they ignored that as well.

“People have counted on blowing us off,” Fire Chief Dave Winnacker said.

Those days are over.

The eight parcels cited were large, unimproved and unmaintained properties overcome with wild vegetation. At the July 15 abatement hearing, the MOFD board unanimously voted to declare each of the eight properties a seasonal and recurring nuisance, and ordered the fire chief to abate the properties.

“The absence of a cooperative owner makes it very difficult for us to work toward the voluntary compliance that is always our goal,” Win-

nacker said.

The district will hire a contractor to abate the properties and then send the owners a bill for the work. If the owners refuse to pay, the district will file a lien on their property with the county. The abatement costs are not cheap, with some properties possibly exceeding \$10,000 in contractor charges.

With the increase in the number and ferocity of California wildfires, and the major push by residents to increase district fire prevention efforts, MOFD is allowing no slack in adherence to the fire code.

“Property owners in Moraga, Orinda and Canyon should be put on notice by this,” President Steven Danziger said. “This was just the first, and you can expect to see more of these hearings. We are serious about property owners mitigating their properties.”

## Outcry over proposed trail staging area

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Wilder residents also were critical of a plan approved by the planning commission July 14 to allow

Orinda Parks and Recreation to lease out a portion of the Art and Garden Center to a preschool for a period of three years, which involves fencing off the tot lot play

area. Parks and Rec Director Todd Trimble responded to questions, including whether or not the preschool would allow drop-off access via the Emergency Vehicle Access off

of Bigleaf Road. Both Trimble and Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works Larry Theis emphasized that drop-off and pickup of preschool children was to be

done from the playfields parking lot and that the EVA would be closed off by a six-foot locked gate.

## 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

### Lafayette Police

#### Department

#### Incident

#### Summary

#### Report

June 28 - July 11

Alarms 53  
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 15  
Traffic 83  
Suspicious Circumstances 11  
Suspicious Subject 29  
Suspicious Vehicle 16  
Service to Citizen 41  
Patrol Req./Security Check 39  
Public/School Assembly Check 1  
Supplemental Report 29  
Vacation House Check 11  
Welfare Check 11  
Ordinance Violation 1

#### Vehicle violations

Abandoned Vehicle  
1400 Block Sunset Loop  
3600 Block Chestnut St.  
Animal Control Call  
Brown Ave./Deer Hill Rd.  
Animal Cruelty  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Animal Services Call  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Nb 1680 At Ygnacio Valley Rd., Wcr  
Moraga Rd./Wilkinson Ln.  
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Petty Theft From Vehicle  
3200 Block Rohrer Dr.  
900 Block Hough Ave.  
3200 Block Camino Colorados  
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Reckless Driving  
Hamlin Rd./Solana Dr.  
Happy Valley Rd./Soares Ln.  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.  
500 Block Michael Ln.



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500 Block Silverado Dr.  
Stolen Vehicle Recovery  
Sierra Vista Way/Crescenta Ct.  
**Other criminal activity**  
Commercial Burglary  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
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Fraud False Pretenses  
900 Block Risa Rd.  
Grand Theft  
1700 Block Reliez Valley Rd.  
30 Block Lafayette Cir.  
1000 Block 2Nd St.  
Identity Theft  
1000 Block 2Nd St.  
10 Block Shreve Ln.  
1000 Block 2Nd St.  
3300 Block Springhill Rd.  
1000 Block 2Nd St.  
900 Block Reliez Station Rd.  
Police Department  
10 Block Westminster Pl  
Misc Burglary  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Petty Theft  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
700 Block Old Jonas Hill Rd.  
3700 Block Happy Valley Rd.  
3700 Block Happy Valley Rd.  
1400 Block Rancho View Dr.  
1100 Block Perales St.

Petty Theft Bicycle  
900 Block Risa Rd.  
Petty Theft Other  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Robbery Strongarm  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Shoplift  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Warrant Arrest  
900 Block Moraga Road  
Warrant Service  
700 Block Tanglewood Ln.  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-domestic  
900 Block Risa Rd.  
3500 Block Terrace Way  
1000 Block Dewing Ave.  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Loud Music  
1000 Block Cavallero Ln.  
1000 Block Cavallero Ln.  
Hillview Ln./Quandt Rd.  
Loud Noise  
3500 Block Powell Dr.  
3300 Block Springhill Rd.  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd.  
3100 Block Plymouth Rd.  
3800 Block Happy Valley Rd.  
10 Block Arbor Way  
Loud Party  
1000 Block Lindsey Ct.  
3100 Block Plymouth Rd.  
3100 Block Plymouth Rd.  
Public Nuisance  
Silverwood Dr./Cabernet Ct  
3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.  
Vandalism  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
200 Block St Marys Rd.  
1800 Block Reliez Valley Rd.  
3600 Block Deerrhill Rd.  
900 Block Mountain View Dr.  
**Other**  
Fireworks  
3600 Block Mosswood Dr.

900 Block Dolores Dr.  
900 Block Mountain View Dr.  
3400 Block School St.  
Hastings Ct./Hilltop Dr.  
Huntleigh Dr./Lucas Dr.  
600 Block Huntleigh Dr.  
3900 Block Happy Valley Rd.  
1300 Block Sunset Loop  
Glenside Dr./Augustine Ln.  
600 Block Huntleigh Dr.  
Happy Valley Rd./Rose Ln.  
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Bacon Way/Springbrook Rd.  
K9 Outside Assist Request  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.  
600 Block Thornhill Rd., Dan  
Loitering  
3100 Block Plymouth Rd.  
Trespass  
900 Block Diablo Dr.  
3600 Block Deer Hill Rd. (2)  
Oak Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.  
3300 Block Silver Springs Ct.  
Deer Hill Rd./Oak Hill Rd.  
1000 Block Hunsaker Canyon Rd.  
900 Block Moraga Rd.  
1500 Block Rancho View Dr.  
Unwanted Guest  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Violation Custody Order  
3300 Block Moraga Blvd.  
1200 Block Warner Ct.  
Violation Restraining Ord  
1200 Block Warner Ct.

### Moraga Police

#### Department

#### Incident

#### Summary

June 30 - July 13

Alarms 13  
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 12  
Traffic 18  
Suspicious Circumstances 8  
Suspicious Subject 5  
Suspicious Vehicle 8  
Service to Citizen 49  
Patrol Req./Security Check 15  
Supplemental Report 14  
Vacation House Check 0  
Welfare Check 1

#### Vehicle violations

Auto Burglary  
Moraga Royale Retirement Home  
Excessive Speed  
Arco Station Moraga  
Moraga Rd/St Marys Rd., Laf.  
24 Hour Fitness  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
Cvs  
Petty Theft From Vehicle  
Moraga Commons Park  
Reckless Driving  
Camino Ricardo/Greenfield Dr.  
Larch Ave./Camino Pablo  
Vehicle Theft  
10 Block Madsen Ct.  
Not Available  
2000 Block Donald Dr.  
700 Block Augusta Dr.  
**Other criminal activity**  
Burglary  
10 Block Fleuti Dr.  
Commercial Burglary  
1400 Block Moraga Way



Petty Theft  
Augusta/St. Andrews  
Moraga Country Club  
Shoplift  
Cvs  
Warrant Arrest  
90 Block Devin Dr.  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-domestic  
Not Available  
Disturbing The Peace  
Rancho Laguna Park  
Loud Music  
200 Block Rheem Blvd.  
Ivy Dr./Moraga Way  
Campolindo High School  
Loud Noise  
Not Available  
200 Block Ivy Pl.  
Public Nuisance  
300 Block Calle La Montana  
**Other**  
Accident Property  
10 Block Hetfield Pl.  
200 Block Scofield Dr.  
Beat Info  
Redwood Hw/Pinehurst Rd.,  
Canyon  
1400 Block Camino Pablo  
Extortion  
Police Department  
Fireworks  
Camino Pablo/Corte Maria  
3900 Block Campolindo Dr.  
Bayside Way/Waterford Way,  
Oak.  
1000 Block Country Club Dr.  
1200 Block Larch Ave.  
1900 Block Ascot Dr.  
20 Block Hardie Dr.  
10 Block Madsen Ct.  
Harassment  
Not Available  
Safeway  
50 Block Ascot Pl.  
Mentally Ill Commit  
School St./Moraga Way  
400 Block Millfield Pl.  
Ordinance Violation  
Hardie Dr./Moraga Way  
Seven Eleven  
300 Block Rheem Blvd.  
Public Assembly Check  
Rheem Valley Shopping Center  
Threats  
300 Block Calle La Montana  
10 Block Del Rio Ct.  
Campolindo High School



### Orinda Police Department

#### Incident Summary Report

June 28 - July 11

Alarms 41  
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 10  
Traffic 19  
Suspicious Circumstances 2  
Suspicious Subject 6  
Suspicious Vehicle 8  
Service to Citizen 67  
Patrol Req./Security Check 87  
Supplemental Report 18

Welfare Check 3  
Ordinance Violation 6  
**Vehicle violations**  
Dui Misdemeanor  
40 Block La Cuesta Rd.  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
10 Block Valley Dr.  
500 Block Tahos Rd.  
500 Block Tahos Rd.  
Beverages And More  
10 Block Camino Pablo  
Reckless Driving  
Camino Pablo/Orinda Way  
Rite Aid  
Greenbrook Dr./Century Way,  
Dan  
Moraga Way/El Corte  
Tc - Property Damage  
500 Block Tahos Rd.  
**Other criminal activity**  
Computer Fraud  
10 Block Lloyd Ln.  
Grand Theft  
Beverages And More  
St Stephens Dr./Tahos Rd.  
Petty Theft  
Rite Aid  
Petty Theft From Vehicle  
50 Block Brookside Rd.  
Residential Burglary  
10 Block Wanda Ln.  
Robbery  
Bank Of America  
Shoplift  
Rite Aid  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-domestic  
Claremont Ave./Camino Pablo  
Disturbing The Peace  
Beverages And More  
100 Block Ardith Ct.  
Loud Music  
10 Block La Fond Ln.  
Loud Noise  
50 Block Underhill Rd.  
10 Block La Fond Ln.  
Vandalism  
400 Block Camino Sobrante  
**Other**  
Accident Fatal  
20 Block Whitehall Dr.  
Accident Injury  
100 Block Canon Dr.  
Accident Property  
Safeway  
Dependent Adult Abuse  
10 Block Las Piedras  
Fireworks  
Orinda Intermediate School  
100 Block El Toyonal  
400 Block El Toyonal  
Lombardy Ln./Van Ripper Ln.  
Brookwood Rd./Camino Pablo  
Glorietta Blvd./Overhill Rd.  
20 Block Robert Rd.  
Ivy Dr./Crown Ct.  
10 Block Bates Blvd.  
10 Block Estates Dr.  
Orinda Intermediate School  
Public Assembly Check  
Cvs  
10 Block Camino Sobrante  
Bevmo  
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