

MOFD board gives green light to use grant for comprehensive evacuation support system



Map shows evacuation zones in participating counties
Image provided

By Jennifer Wake

In a continuing effort to facilitate communication among emergency services agencies, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District board May 21 approved a motion to use \$300,000 in grant money to enter into a software agreement with Zonehaven, Inc. to develop a comprehensive evacuation support system in the amount of \$627,750.

According to MOFD Chief Dave Winnacker, the purpose of the grant is to contract the development of a comprehensive evacuation support system consisting of fire modeling, evacuation polygons and an evacuation decision support tool. Winnacker noted that other counties including Marin and Alameda counties are also working with Zonehaven. The board authorized acceptance of the grant at its Jan. 20 meeting.

The grant money would be the first installment of the first year license cost for a three-year contract and, according to Winnacker, the agreement may be terminated with at least 30-day notice at the conclusion of the first year or any subsequent year without penalty.

Director Steven Danziger asked what would be the effect if MOFD did not get any more grant money and canceled.

Winnacker explained the first phase of the contract involves zones. "We have the map layer and a shared understanding of what any specific piece of dirt or homes or population center in the county is called so we're using the same terms, so we establish that interoperability, not only between fire and law agencies, but between fire, law and dispatch sometimes operating in the same jurisdictions butting up against each other." The second and enduring part is access to the system, Winnacker explained, which includes a number of training scenarios and simulations about fire spread as well as the ability to send notifications through the system when there is an actual incident.

after one year, Winnacker explained that MOFD keeps the map layer and physical evacuation books that are derived from the system, "but we lose access to the training and alerting that currently resides in the platform."

With County Office of Emergency Services support, Winnacker said staff is seeking additional grant funding for year two and three of the contract. In the absence of additional funding, he noted, staff will recommend terminating the contract as part of the FY2022 budget process under Section 14.1 before any MOFD funds beyond the current \$300,000 grant are expended.

The motion passed unanimously. Director Gregory Baitx was absent.

Fire District Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, June 16, 6 p.m.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.mofd.org

ConFire
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 13 1 p.m.
Special Meeting: Tuesday, June 22
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.cccfpd.org



Council approves reflective beacon alert installation at St. Perpetua crosswalk

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Moran said excessive speeds due to the road's steep downhill grade contributed to the problem. Despite the presence of a crossing guard enlisted by St. Perpetua School, significant public input had demonstrated to the Transportation Circulation Commission the requested safety measures were advisable. A flashing reflective alert signal and funding of half of the project cost as requested by St. Perpetua School was recommended to the council by the commission. The commission had also discussed zoning the area at 15 mph during school

hours. Making such a change would require a traffic study and a change of ordinance by the council. Representatives from the school, Moran said, were interested in the council addressing the reduced speed zone topic as soon as possible.

While allowing that the crosswalk is a public right-of-way whose primary users are local residents, church attendees and children attending a private (not public) school, Moran said making the improvements and sharing the costs was best. "If the school and church don't exist, that crosswalk doesn't exist. The (general) public doesn't need it. If for some reason the school and church went out

of business next week, we wouldn't put a beacon crossing there. We would delete the crosswalk because it wouldn't be placed there in the first place." But, he emphasized, the crosswalk is used by children and protecting their safety is paramount to the neighborhood and the city.

Council Member Teresa Gerringer asked about the history of city-supported speed mitigation actions: who had paid when there was a new school or other new development being built (in that case the developer would pay 100% of the costs, Moran replied) and in what past projects had traffic studies

been funded by the city. Moran said overall and ongoing concerns about the speed of cars in the city, and a grant applied for in 2012, demonstrated traffic safety measures are recurring issues that "finally hit the head" with St. Perpetua's request. Asked about the timeline for returning the topic to the commission and the process leading to an exception to be made to the Assembly Bill 321 code for speeds on two-lane streets, Moran said approval of a new 15 mph zone would require approximately two to three months to complete.

The timeline for adding the safety beacon and radar sign approved at the meeting

Moran said is subject to material delivery schedules. During the pandemic and even as the restrictions of the past 15 months are lifted, schedules for public works projects and other city activities remain difficult to predict. Council members voiced support for the project to move as swiftly as possible and for the speed zone to be considered and implemented prior to the fall and students' return to school. Council Member Carl Anduri offered praise and said the project represented "a case study in neighbors and institutions (the school and church and city council) working together to find solutions."

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
May 16 - May 29

Alarms	51
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	8
Traffic	58
Suspicious Circumstances	8
Suspicious Subject	24
Suspicious Vehicle	14
Service to Citizen	43
Patrol Req./Security Check	58
Public/School Assembly Check	0
Supplemental Report	31
Vacation House Check	7
Welfare Check	14
Ordinance Violation	8

Vehicle violations
Auto Burglary
4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor
Acalanes Ave./Pleasant Hill Rd.
Mt. Diablo Ct./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Deer Hill Rd./Oak Hill Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Reckless Driving
Glenside Dr./Burton Dr.
Moraga Rd./Moraga Blvd.
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Mt. Diablo Bl./Happy Valley Rd.
Via Roble/Quail Ridge Rd.

2Nd St./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Stolen Vehicle Recovery
2Nd St./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Tc - Property Damage
3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
3900 Block El Nido Ranch Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Eb 24 P Hill On Ramp

Throw Moving Vehicle
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
500 Block St Marys Rd.
Vehicle Theft
Dewing Ave./Bickerstaff St.
Police Department

Other criminal activity
Fraud False Pretenses
3300 Block Woodview Dr.
4100 Block Coralee Ln.
Grand Theft
Police Department

Identity Theft
400 Block Read Dr.
Panhandling
Pleasant Hill Rd./Old Tunnel Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Petty Theft
1000 Block Carol Ln.
900 Block Moraga Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Petty Theft Bicycle
900 Block Moraga Rd.

Shoplift
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (8)
10 Block Eleven Laf
Vandalism - Felony
Police Department

Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
1000 Block Dolores Dr.
Disturbing The Peace
Gold Ct./Burton Dr.

Loud Music
900 Block Dewing Ave.
Loud Noise
N Lucille Ln/Florence Dr.

Loud Party
1000 Block Aileen St.
Public Nuisance
3400 Block Golden Gate Wy
Camino Colorados/St Marys Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Vandalism
900 Block Janet Ln.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Acalanes Rd.
Old Tunnel Rd./Buchan Dr.
1000 Block Glen Rd.

Other
Fireworks
Reliez Valley Rd./La Caminita
Indecent Exposure
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Mentally Ill Violent
3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.
Trespass
1500 Block Rancho View Dr.
3400 Block School St.
Unwanted Guest
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3100 Block Lucas Dr.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report

May 18 - May 31

Alarms	10
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	11
Traffic	45
Suspicious Circumstances	9
Suspicious Subject	9
Suspicious Vehicle	6
Service to Citizen	47
Patrol Req./Security Check	16
Supplemental Report	11
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	11
Public/School Assembly Check	3
Ordinance Violation	1

Vehicle violations
Accident Property
Camino Pablo/Rimer Dr.
Rheem Blvd./Center St.
Excessive Speed
Rheem Blvd./Center St
Moraga Way/St. Andrews Dr. (2)
Moraga Rd./Ifo Commons
Moraga Way/Viader Dr.
Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr.
Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.

Reckless Driving
Corliss Dr./Warfield Dr.
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.
Moraga Rd./Moraga Blvd., Laf.
Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.
40 Block York Pl.

Tc - Property Damage
Ascot Dr./Moraga Rd.
Vehicle Theft
Not Available.

Other criminal activity
Grand Theft From Vehicle
Ascot Ct./Ascot Dr.
Identity Theft
Not Available

Petty Theft
Campolindo Dr./Moraga Rd.
Dollar Tree
Not Available

Shoplift
Dollar Tree

Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
20 Block Williams Dr.
Drunk In Public
100 Block Miramonte Dr.

Loud Music
Not Available
School St./Country Club Dr.
Canyon Rd./Country Club Dr.
4000 Block Paseo Grande
10 Block Francisca Dr.

Loud Party
10 Block Miramonte Dr.
100 Block Eileen Ct.
Bollinger Canyon Rd./St Marys Rd.
100 Block Tharp Dr.

Juniper Way/Rimer Dr.
Public Nuisance
St Marys College
Vandalism
Canyon Bridge

Other
Mentally Ill Commit
1000 Block Alta Mesa Dr.
Revoked License
200 Block Gloritetta
Unwanted Guest
20 Block Hardie Dr.

Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report
May 16 - May 29

Alarms	43
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	10
Traffic	28
Suspicious Circumstances	3
Suspicious Subject	2
Suspicious Vehicle	6
Service to Citizen	73
Patrol Req./Security Check	76
Supplemental Report	13
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	8
Public/School Assembly Check	3

Vehicle violations
Accident Property
10 Block Harran Cir.
Camino Pablo/Bart
90 Block La Espiral
80 Block La Espiral

Auto Burglary
300 Block Camino Pablo
Dui Misdemeanor
Coral Dr/Moraga Way

Hit And Run Misdemeanor
Camino Pablo/Miner Rd.
Valley Dr./Heather Ln.

Reckless Driving
Overhill Rd./Tara Rd.
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.
Tc - Property Damage
Miner Rd./Camino Sobrante
400 Block Miner Rd.

Vehicle Theft
60 Block Brookwood Rd.
10 Block Arbolado Ct.
30 Block La Cuesta Rd.

Other criminal activity
Burglary
Camino Pablo
Commercial Burglary
100 Block Camino Pablo
Fraud False Pretenses
40 Block Honey Hill Rd.
Grand Theft Veh Parts
10 Block Irwin Way

Identity Theft
10 Block Oak Dr.
40 Block Valencia Rd.
Panhandling
Camino Pablo/Eb Sr 24
Petty Theft
Camino Pablo
10 Block Carisbrook Dr.
60 Block Moraga Way

Petty Theft Bicycle
Manzanita Dr.
Petty Theft From Veh
10 Block Harran Cir.
Residential Burglary
San Bruno Rd.

Shoplift
Moraga Way
Warrant Arrest
Moraga Way
Nuisance to the Community
Disturbing The Peace
Camino Pablo

Loud Noise
50 Block Stanton Ave.
40 Block Stanton Ave.
40 Block Lost Valley Dr.
100 Block Zander Dr.
30 Block Oakwood Rd.

Loud Party
20 Block Southwood Dr.
20 Block Camino Sobrante
10 Block Monte Veda Dr.
Public Nuisance
Bryant Way
Theatre Square

Vandalism
80 Block Orinda Way
Other
Violation Restraining Order
500 Block Moraga Way