

Local residents urged to practice earthquake preparedness skills during the Great ShakeOut, Oct. 21



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Recent small earthquakes in the Bay Area at the beginning of October underscored the importance of being prepared for a potentially larger, more damaging event. On Oct. 21, at 10:21 a.m., the Great ShakeOut will take place throughout California and Lamorinda CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is asking everyone to practice their earthquake preparedness skills at this time by ducking, covering and hanging on, and for those who have General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radios, to use them to tell CERT you are "safe." GMRS is a licensed radio service for short-distance, two-way voice communications.

According to the Great Shakeout website, "You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls

on you." To respond quickly you must practice often.

"Preparedness skills are essential to learn before an earthquake strikes," says Virginia Merrifield, Lamorinda CERT Public Information Officer. "We encourage you to review with your household members your emergency plans, determine a planned meeting place, and check your emergency supplies of food, water, batteries and other necessities."

For those with GMRS radios, at 10:21 a.m. Lamorinda CERT will announce a mock earthquake and ask for a response to "net control" via the GMRS channels to confirm your location (street and cross street). "The goals of this exercise are to test this communications method and to see where we can reach during a real emergency," Merrifield says. "The radio channels we will use are

Moraga 121, Orinda 122, and Lafayette 123 for licensed users on repeater capable radios. We recommend when transmitting that you preface your message by saying 'this is only a drill,' then report into net control with status of your area including your location."

This exercise will help residents practice the skills they have and maybe some that need to be improved so when the Big One really strikes, they'll be ready. Check out the California Great ShakeOut website for more information (www.shakeout.org/california). Consider taking the next CERT class series beginning in January on Wednesday nights in Orinda. For class information as well as emergency supplies you may need, you can find both on the website at www.LamorindaCERT.com. — J. Wake

Orinda welcomes new chief of police



New Orinda Chief of Police Ryan Sullivan Photo Sora O'Doherty

By Sora O'Doherty

Orinda city manager David Biggs introduced the new police chief for Orinda, Ryan Sullivan, at the Sept. 21 council meeting. Biggs explained that because Orinda contracts with the Contra Costa Sheriff's department for police services, it is often a seamless transition. Upon Chief David Cook's retirement, the sheriff proffered three candidates to Orinda.

These candidates were interviewed by two panels as well as by the city manager. Biggs said, "I appreciate the Sheriff's Office having forwarded very qualified candidates for my consideration and I believe Chief Sullivan is a great fit for Orinda. He will add value to our efforts to enhance our emergency preparedness and community safety in partnerships with our neighboring cities and regional

collaborators."

Chief Sullivan started Monday Sept. 20, overlapping two days with Chief Cook. Sullivan began his career with the Sheriff's Office in 2005 and until his assignment in Orinda, he had been the lieutenant responsible for internal affairs. He had previously served as a sergeant in internal affairs, as the academy coordinator, and as a patrol supervisor. In addition, as a deputy sheriff, he has had many diverse specialty assignments. Biggs told the city council that Sullivan has long established family roots in the Lamorinda area and knows the area well.

In an interview, Sullivan said that he lived in Lafayette until he was in the sixth grade. His family owned the Pioneer Store, a general store that sold everything from hardware to dry goods. The site is now occupied by Sideboard restaurant. Sullivan's family still owns property in Lafayette. You might say that Sullivan began his career as a police officer in Lafayette, where he was a hallway monitor and then a crossing guard in the fourth and fifth grades. He did later serve as a police officer in Lafayette.

After his family moved to Antioch and he completed his high school education, Sullivan joined the Marines. His time as a Marine was fairly quiet, after Desert Storm. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton. After active duty, he spent two years in the reserves, and decided on a career in law enforcement. When he got out of

the Marines, he married. He has two sons who live with him in Benicia, and has plans to marry again soon.

The new chief said he was "very excited about this new position, and I look forward to working with everyone, making Orinda a wonderful and a very safe place to live." Mayor Amy Worth told Sullivan that she would bring him an Orinda pin. She welcomed him, and said she too was looking forward to working with him. "I know that your philosophy is an open-door policy," she said, adding, "You know many of the Orinda team already."

Sullivan responded that he appreciates the mayor's confidence in him as chief. In a statement released later, Sullivan said, "I look forward to this exciting and challenging opportunity as the Chief of Police in Orinda. I will seek to continue and enhance our effective policing, problem solving, and community involvement, while working with the City Council, City Manager, and the City's Department Heads in providing excellent service and safety to the

community."

The new chief's goals include expanding the drone program with an additional drone and additional drone operators. Policing during the pandemic has presented challenges to law enforcement, Sullivan says. Police have been able to take fewer persons arrested to the jail, but instead have had to release them with citations. Wearing masks has been hard on communication, and of course there has been the possibility of exposure to COVID-19. But then, Sullivan says, COVID has made everything from grocery shopping to policing more difficult.

Although nothing extraordinary is expected for Halloween, Sullivan knows that it will bring up memories of the unfortunate event two years ago. There will be a couple of additional officers out and about to set people's minds at ease. He's more worried about distracted driving and speeding. Remember, he urges, speeding and blowing through stop signs will only save a couple of minutes, and can cost lives.

Fire District Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.mofd.org



ConFire
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1 p.m.



For meeting times and agendas, visit www.cccfd.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
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, Ryan Sullivan
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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report
Sept. 19 - Oct. 2
Alarms 40
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 14
Traffic 98
Suspicious Circumstances 9
Suspicious Subject 17
Suspicious Vehicle 16
Service to Citizen 46
Patrol Req./Security Check 64
Public/School Assembly Check 34
Supplemental Report 39
Vacation House Check 16
Welfare Check 20
Ordinance Violation 2
Vehicle violations
Attempted Stolen Vehicle
3400 Block Springhill Rd.
Auto Burglary
3700 Block Rose Ct.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
900 Block Dewing Ave.
4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.



4100 Block Hidden Valley Rd.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor
200 Block Lafayette Cir.
4100 Block Hidden Valley Rd.
1000 Block Oak Hill Rd.
10 Block Hidden Valley Rd.
Reckless Driving
Mt. Diablo Blvd./El Nido Ranch Rd.
St Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.
School St/Paradise Ct.
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Risa Rd.
Glenside Dr./Reliez Station Rd.
St Marys Rd./Moraga Rd.
St Marys Rd./Topper Ln.
Vehicle Theft
10 Block Chapel Dr.
El Nido Ranch Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Other criminal activity
Commercial Burglary
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3100 Block Camino Diablo
Fraud False Pretenses
800 Block Tanglewood Dr.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Grand Theft
Reliez Valley Rd./Mcgraw Ln.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Grand Theft Veh Parts
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
900 Block East St.
Identity Theft
4000 Block Legion Ct.
900 Block Raintree Pl.
Police Department (2)
Misc Burglary
900 Block Risa Rd.
Police Department
Panhandling
2Nd St/Golden Gate Wy
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Happy Valley Rd.
Petty Theft
1000 Block 2Nd St.
700 Block Glenside Cir.
1200 Block Cambridge Dr.
3500 Block Brook St.
3500 Block Plaza Wy
Petty Theft From Veh
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Residential Burglary
3600 Block Nordstrom Ln.
Shoplift
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (8)
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Nuisance to the Community

Disturbance-domestic
Police Department
4000 Block Natasha Dr.
50 Block Lafayette Cir.
Disturbing The Peace
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
Loud Music
El Curtola Blvd./Eb Sr 24
500 Block McBride Dr.
Ronino Wy/Summit Rd.
Loud Noise
4000 Block Coralee Ln
Loud Party
4000 Block Tilden Ln
Panorama Dr./Happy Valley Rd.
Public Nuisance
El Curtola Blvd./Eb Sr 24
Vandalism
Fairholm Ct./Reliez Valley Rd.
800 Block Oak St.
Other
Battery
El Curtola Blvd./Eb Sr 24
Fire/Ems Response Info
3500 Block Brook St.
Fireworks
500 Block Merriewood
Harassment
600 Block Doreen Way
900 Block Village Center
Indecent Exposure
3500 Block Brook St.
Police Department
K9 Outside Assist Request
Sb I 680 At Willow Pass Rd., Con
Trespass
20 Block Chapel Dr.
3400 Block School St.
Unwanted Guest
10 Block Fiesta Ln.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3600 Block Brook St.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Violation Restraining Ord
900 Block Hough Ave. (2)
3600 Block Brook St.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report Sept. 21 - Oct. 4



Alarms 8
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 10
Traffic 69
Suspicious Circumstances 0
Suspicious Subject 3
Suspicious Vehicle 7
Service to Citizen 50
Patrol Req./Security Check 19
Supplemental Report 10
Vacation House Check 3
Welfare Check 6
Public/School Assembly Check 3
Ordinance Violation 1
Vehicle violations
Accident Property
300 Block Rheem Blvd.
Excessive Speed
Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr. (4)
Rheem Blvd./Woodminister Dr.
St. Marys Rd./Moraga Rd.
Rheem Blvd./Runway
St. Marys Ifo The Colledge
Rheem Blvd./Fernwood Dr. (2)
Rheem Blvd./Park St.
Moraga Way/Camino Ricardo (2)
St Marys Rd./Rheem Blvd.
Country Club Dr./Canyon Rd.
Rheem Blvd./Stuart
Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.
Eastwood Dr./Moraga Way, Ori
Moraga Way
Reckless Driving
Moraga Country Club
Corliss Dr./Camino Ricardo
Lafayette Community Park, Laf
Camino Pablo/Larch Ave.
Tamper With Vehicle
400 Block Donald Dr.
Tc - Property Damage
60 Block Woodford Dr.
Moraga Commons Park
Other criminal activity
Fraud False Pretenses
1800 Block Joseph Dr.
Petty Theft
Joaquin Moraga Int School (3)
2000 Block Donald Dr.
10 Block Thune Ave.
Petty Theft From Veh
10 Block Benedita Pl.
Robbery
Union 76
Shoplift
Safeway (2)
Nuisance to the Community
Disturbing The Peace
Hacienda

Loud Music
Campolindo High School
Hacienda (2)
Donald Dr./Moraga Rd.
Country Club Dr./Canyon Rd., Mo
Loud Noise
Camino Ricardo/Hardie Dr.
10 Block Buckingham Dr.
1700 Block School St.
Loud Party
2000 Block Ascot Dr.
Ascot Dr./Ascot Ct
2100 Block Ascot Dr.
200 Block Paseo Bernal
2000 Block Ascot Dr.
Vandalism
2100 Block Donald Dr.
Other
Battery Sexual
Campolindo High School
Corporal Injury Spouse
400 Block Woodminister Dr.
Dependent Adult Abuse
Police Department
Fireworks
200 Block Scofield Dr.
Ivy Dr./Moraga Way
600 Block Augusta Dr.
Harassment
10 Block Harold Dr.
Saklan Valley School
St Marys College
Mentally Ill Commit
Hacienda
St Marys College
100 Block Oxford Dr.
Violation Custody Order
2100 Block Donald Dr.
Violation Restraining Order
2100 Block Donald Dr.
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Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report will be back next time