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CHIEF'S REPORT

by Chief Eddie Dwyer



Here at MFPD, we want to wish you all a very safe and healthy summer filled with fun and family. While you're out and about, enjoying the lake, going on vacation, traveling to new places, please remember the men and women who through the best of their ability serve this community every day. They work tirelessly on your behalf responding to your request for emergency service 24/7/365.

Many things have been going on here at Station 75. After 4 years of service, Chief Jack Rosevear has retired to move on into a new chapter of life. Many of you do not know, Chief Rosevear has been on duty nearly every day of the last 1460 days. Giving this community his very best. He set an excellent course for this Fire District, establishing through Federal Grants a 24-hour staffing schedule. This last year we were able to re-establish on a limited availability, Advanced Paramedic Services for Emergency Medical Response. We currently have three highly experienced Paramedics serving part time.

In recent days, the training conducted has shown great success, in our capability to respond to emergencies. Our personnel along with community members responded to a reported structure fire on Gravel Road. The smoke column could be seen from miles away.

On arrival at the incident, our personnel quickly triaged the situation, established priorities, and went to work controlling the incident. Former members of the Fire District also arrived on scene to provide invaluable assistance. Todd and Devon Hern, Rich St Croix along with Chris Dillender, all provided a service to this community in bringing the incident to resolution. Though the structure, which was fully involved at the time of arrival, was a complete loss, the fire impacted the surrounding vegetation. It was the quick action of all those who responded which halted the fire spread, keeping it to less than one quarter acre. Compliments were given to our personnel from responding partner agencies.

To all who responded, placing themselves in harm's way to serve this community, a thank you doesn't seem to be enough, but what is felt behind the words cannot be expressed in words.

As Chief Rosevear exits, I will be serving as interim Fire Chief. I believe in Chief Rosevear's vision for the Fire District. With any new change in leadership, there will be changes to how we navigate the waters that bring us to the future. Any change made will be with the intent of maintaining our current response ability employing the Support Group and strengthening their abilities through training, hiring a full time Fire Captain, maintaining current staffing levels and seeking any grant opportunity that presents itself.

There has been quite a bit completed here at the Fire Station. The upstairs dormitory kitchen has been completely remodeled by members of the MVFA. Trent, Don and Kirk, thank you so very much. To the committees that serve the Fire District, I look forward to working with every one of

you. Through your volunteer services you provide an administrative service enjoyed by larger departments and take the burden off the shoulders of command staff as we work alongside you.

I ask the community to be patient with us as we go through this transition. We will do many things quickly and there is much to do, there will be much trial and error. This is common place in life with any endeavor. Please know we are here to serve you with the best of our abilities, to provide you with the best Fire and Emergency Services possible. Please, instead of attacking our personnel, support them as they give their all to serve you. They will be by your side, in the worst of times, unflinching, always moving forward to serve you on your worst day.

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