

# Lamorinda runs a successful virtual evacuation information drill



**Zonehaven Evacuation Platform Training** Photos courtesy MOFD

## By Sora O'Doherty

Nearly 1,800 Lamorinda residents responded to a survey, part of a drill to see how communications would work in the event of a fire requiring evacuation of residents in Lamorinda on Sept. 10. The drill was a joint effort by the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, the three Lamorinda police departments, the Contra Costa Community Warning System and Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, Lamorinda Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Lamorinda Area Radio Interest Group (LARIG).

On Sept. 10, the agencies set

up the exercise from 7 to 8 a.m. At 8 a.m. there was a briefing, and the exercise commenced at 8:25 a.m. with a review of the exercise at 9:30 a.m. Residents received an alert from the Community Warning System via a number of sources, including telephone texts, emails, and other communication tools, such as weather-alert radios. Upon receiving an alert, residents were requested to respond to a brief survey and CERT members were asked to say whether they could assist within an hour. Over 100 responded that they could.

The fictional scenario for the exercise was that a fire started at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 near the Briones Archery

Range (Seaborg Trail at Crescent Ridge Trail) in Briones Regional Park. By 6 p.m. the fire was approximately 70 acres and had reached the crest of the ridge above Russell Research Station. By 9 p.m. several spot fires were reported, including one near Sundown Terrace and Dalewood Drive and another high on the ridge east of the main fire above Bear Creek Road. The fictional fire had grown to 230 acres.

Dennis Rein, MOFD Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, reported that during the drill, an Orinda Police Department Sergeant was the evacuation ordering official. Messages were sent out via CWS, Nixle as well as pre-exercise notifica-

tions via city manager newsletters, and social media. Rein said that the GMRS and HAM radio response to the exercise was excellent, with the two receiving stations fielding about 50 radio contacts. In addition, Lamorinda CERT tested their call-out paging system and sent over 600 text messages to see if CERT volunteers would be available to respond if needed.

The drill had a number of objectives. The exercise tested the Contra Costa County Community Warning System's ability to notify residents in the Lamorinda area in a simulated disaster scenario. Lamorinda residents were asked to sign up for CWS alerts on their notification platforms and to receive a CWS alert and troubleshoot any issues directly with CWS after the exercise. The joint agencies practiced setting up and operating a Unified Command with law, fire and cooperating agencies in a large-scale wildfire sce-

nario and to practice the proper XCC CWS alert call process using Sherriff's Dispatch, CWS, local police department personnel. City and town staff were used to receive a handoff of Zonehaven information from CWS and practice updating evacuation details in the Zonehaven application (arrival points, road closures, etc.) In addition, the drill was meant to identify potential areas where communication can be improved between the field, CWS and the Zonehaven AWARE websites.

Had there been a real emergency, only zones actually affected would have been alerted, and residents would have been provided with evacuation information specific to their evacuation zone.

More information on the community warning system can be found at the following website:

<https://cwsalerts.com>

### Fire District Public Meetings

**Moraga-Orinda Fire District** Board of Directors  
Special Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m.  
For meeting times and agendas, visit [www.mofd.org](http://www.mofd.org)

**ConFire** Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1 p.m.  
For meeting times and agendas, visit [www.cccfpd.org](http://www.cccfpd.org)  
([http://64.166.146.245/agenda\\_publish.cfm?id=&mt=ALL](http://64.166.146.245/agenda_publish.cfm?id=&mt=ALL))



### MOFD fall Open House, Oct. 1

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District is hosting its annual Fall Open House and Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at Fire Station 41 (1284 Moraga Way, Moraga). Join local firefighters for breakfast, see a fire rescue demonstration and learn more about safety and fire prevention.

### 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, Ryan Sullivan  
925-254-6820  
Orindatip@cityoforinda.org

### Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report

Sept. 11 - Sept. 17

Alarms	20
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	11
Traffic	34
Suspicious Circumstances	7
Suspicious Subject	15
Suspicious Vehicle	9

Service to Citizen	19
Patrol Req./Security Check	25
Public/School Assembly Check	8
Supplemental Report	19
Vacation House Check	12
Welfare Check	12
Ordinance Violation	1

**Vehicle violations**  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
Deer Hill Rd./Laurel Dr.  
Tc - Property Damage  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./1st St.  
Oak Hill Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Brown Ave.

**Other criminal activity**  
Fraud False Pretenses  
600 Block Huntleigh Dr.  
Grand Theft  
300 Block St. Marys Rd.

Identity Theft  
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Police Department (2)  
Panhaling  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Residential Burglary  
1000 Block Viela Ct.  
3200 Block Quandt Rd.  
Robbery Strongarm  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Shoplift  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
Warrant Arrest  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-domestic  
3300 Block Mildred Ln.  
Disturbing The Peace  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Loud Music  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Loud Party  
3600 Block Brook St.

3400 Block Silver Springs Rd.  
Public Nuisance  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)  
Happy Valley Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
900 Block Oak Hill Rd.

**Vandalism**  
3200 Block Stanley Blvd.  
**Other**  
H&S Violation  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Threats  
1200 Block Cambridge Dr.  
Unwanted Guest  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Violation Restraining Ord  
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.

### Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report

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### Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

Sept. 4 - Sept. 17

Alarms	48
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	11
Traffic	65
Suspicious Circumstances	6
Suspicious Subject	13

Suspicious Vehicle 8  
Service to Citizen 57  
Patrol Req./Security Check 30  
Public/School Assembly Check 8

Supplemental Report 12  
Vacation House Check 12  
Welfare Check 10  
Ordinance Violation 2

**Vehicle violations**  
Accident Injury  
400 Block Moraga Way  
Accident Property  
El Nido Ranch Rd./Charles Hill Rd.

Orinda Way/Camino Pablo  
Manzanita Dr./Camino Pablo  
Camino Pablo/Miner Rd.  
Ivy Dr./Moraga Way  
Camino Sobrante

Auto Burglary  
Camino Sobrante  
30 Block Knickerbocker Ln.  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
Camino Pablo/Clairemont Avenue

20 Block Sycamore Rd.  
Reckless Driving  
Moraga Way/Orchard Rd.  
Camino Pablo/San Pablo Creek

Vehicle Theft  
30 Block Ardor Dr.  
10 Block Camino Del Monte  
**Other criminal activity**  
Fraud False Pretenses

Orinda Way  
200 Block Orchard Rd.  
Grand Theft  
10 Block Orinda Fields Ln.

Identity Theft  
50 Block Donna Maria Way  
10 Block Las Piedras (2)  
Panhandling  
Brookwood  
Petty Theft

100 Block Camino Sobrante  
Camino Sobrante  
10 Block Madera Ln.

Shoplift  
Camino Pablo  
Warrant Arrest  
Theatre Square  
Camino Sobrante  
Moraga Way  
Orinda Way

**Nuisance to the Community**  
Loud Music  
30 Block Lombardy Ln.  
Loud Noise  
Tiger Tail Ct./Miner Rd.

Loud Party  
50 Block Tarry Ln.  
Public Nuisance  
10 Block Calvin Dr.  
Vandalism  
Theatre Sq./Brookwood Rd.

**Other**  
Fireworks  
20 Block El Camino Moraga  
Harassment  
Park Lane Dr./Glorietta Blvd.

Loitering  
70 Block Donald Dr., Mor  
Mentally Ill Commit  
3500 Block Brook St., Laf.  
Resist Delay Or Obstruct  
Fish Ranch Rd./Eb Sr 24

Transient Contact  
Theatre Square (2)  
California Shakespeare Festival  
Orinda Way  
60 Block Moraga Way  
20 Block Orinda Way

Trespass  
10 Block Theatre Sq 106  
Unwanted Guest  
Theatre Square

# Elect Greg Hasler Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD)

**FIRE SAFETY IS A CHOICE- PRIORITIZE FIRE PREVENTION**

### Endorsed by:

- Steve Glazer, California State Senator
- Don Peralta, Former California Senator
- Steve Woehleke, Mayor of Moraga
- Karen Mendonca, Former Moraga Mayor
- Dave Trotter, Former Moraga Mayor & Town Council Member
- Rochelle Tocchini, Former Moraga Town Council
- Chris Severson, Acalanes Union High School District Board
- Gordon Nathan, Former MOFD Director
- Gene Gottfried, Former MOFD Board
- Marna Eyring, Former Moraga Education Foundation President
- Dick Olsen, Former MOFD Director
- John Jex, MOFD Board

- Craig Jorgens, MOFD Board
- Brad Barber, Former MOFD Board President
- Dennis Fay, Mayor of City of Orinda, MOFD Liaison
- Kathleen Duffy, Moraga Ridge HOA & Firewise Leader
- Larry Jacobs, VP Sanders Ranch HOA
- Anne Obsitnik, Co-Chair Bluffs Firewise Community
- Ann Walgenbach, Co-Chair Bluffs Firewise Community
- Melanie Light, Founder Lamorinda Firewise Neighborhoods
- Dick Wilcox, Moraga-Orinda Citizens for Fire Safety Leader
- Ian Baird, Moraga-Orinda Citizens for Fire Safety Leader

Partial list of endorsers. Titles listed for information only.

**Fighting for Moraga, not outside special interests**



Greg Hasler and wife Necia, enjoy family time with son Parker and his wife Rebecca, daughter Malesa, daughter Shaeleigh and her husband Justin Wells.



"During the 50 years our family has lived in Moraga I have been extensively involved in our local Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Those activities have included service on the County's Emergency Medical Services Committee, the Moraga Fire Commission and the Board of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD). As a result of those experiences, I sincerely believe that at this November's MOFD Board Election Greg Hasler is the right choice to represent the interests of the residents of South Moraga (MOFD Division 1) -- as well as the interests of all the residents and taxpayers of the MOFD."

Dick Olsen  
Former member MOFD Board & Moraga Fire Commission  
President of County Fire Commissioners Association, retired  
Moraga Citizen of the Year 2013

**HaslerforMOFD.com**

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