

Full-time staffing of MOFD Medic 45 not dead yet

By Nick Marnell

Still frustrated over the refusal of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District board of directors to allocate money to restore full-time staffing of the ambulance at Fire Station 45 in Orinda, Capt. Lucas Lambert, speaking as the district labor representative, tore into the board at the June 19 district meeting.

Lambert's remarks stemmed from the district's 2017 application for federal grant money to hire four firefighters, who were to be used to fully staff Medic 45 in Orinda. The ambulance had been and continues to be cross-staffed, as the grant money was used by the district to fill overtime positions, a permitted use of the grant funds notwithstanding the reason given in the application.

"I resent the fact that the statement was made that this money was to provide adequate staffing for our com-

munity and firefighter safety when in actually that was never going to be the case," Lambert said. "I resent the fact that the line of duty deaths by two firefighters within this county were used in vain and quoted in an effort to sell the need for this grant." The MOFD grant application referred to the July 2008 line of duty deaths of two Contra Costa County Fire Protection District firefighters as a need for adequate ground support.

Lambert received support from two new directors, with Greg Baitx pushing for fully staffing Medic 45 immediately and Michael Donner insisting that safety of the firefighters and district residents called for the staffing increase. The fire chief agreed that a staffing increase is not a bad thing.

"More is undoubtedly better," Fire Chief Dave Winnacker said. "More firefighters equals greater certainty that there will be an engine

or an ambulance at the patient's side or the resident's side in the shortest time possible."

Donner proposed that some of the \$1.8 million earmarked for district pension and retiree health care trust funds be shifted to increase on-duty staffing. "The climate has changed," Donner said. "Fires aren't the same as they were three to five years ago."

Using overtime to fully staff the Station 45 ambulance would cost an extra \$1 million a year, and increasing the firefighter roster from 57 to 63 to fully staff Medic 45 would cost \$1.44 million per year, the difference due largely to pension costs.

Board President Steven Danziger said that he would add an item to a future agenda, or even call a special meeting, to discuss a district staffing increase.

Which was exactly the request Lambert made of the board that evening.

Grand opening ceremony for Station 43



Photos Sora O'Doherty

MOFD officials make it official

Moraga-Orinda Fire District Director Michael Donner, left, and President Steven Danziger cut the ribbon at the June 15 grand opening ceremony for rebuilt Fire Station 43 in north Orinda. The crews had occupied the new facility in May as final work continued on the station.

Fire Chief Dave Winnacker told his board that he

was still working out a "punch list" with the contractor and hoped to have it completed in July. "Things don't get identified until you move in," the chief said. "We want to make sure all the little things are corrected before the contractor clears the scene."

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Grand jury comes down on ConFire over fire inspections and record keeping

By Nick Marnell

A Contra Costa County grand jury issued a report in May recommending that the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District upgrade and periodically audit its record management system to maintain compliance with state-mandated fire inspection regulations and to ensure accurate and timely fire inspection reporting. The report also recommended that ConFire hire additional inspectors and make the status of fire inspections available to the public through an online address-based program.

The Oakland Ghost Ship fire killed 36 in 2017, and lax fire inspections on the property were alleged in victim lawsuits. Ensuing media coverage in 2018 found that

many fire agencies, including ConFire, had failed to keep up with annual state-mandated fire inspections for schools and multifamily residences. ConFire acknowledged that it fell behind on its inspections, blaming budget cutbacks because of the Great Recession and the inability to hire qualified personnel.

With improved finances and a sharper focus on the lagged inspections, ConFire hired new fire inspectors in mid-2018 and reassigned inspectors from the engineering department to help out with the backlog. ConFire then added temporary clerks to input data for the field inspectors, which allowed the inspectors to spend more time in the field. As the district caught up on its inspections, it allowed this newspa-

per access to its Lafayette inspection reports and to accompany it on Lafayette state-mandated fire inspections, which ConFire completed, as well as all mandatory annual inspections in its database, by the end of the year.

To help ensure that fire inspections are conducted on time in the future, the grand jury recommended that the district increase its number of fire inspectors.

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Folks gather for the June 15 grand opening of Fire Station 43 in north Orinda.

Fire District Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, July 17, 7 p.m.
Go to the website for meeting location, times and agendas.
Visit www.mofd.org



ConFire

Board of Directors
Tuesday, July 9, 1:30 p.m.
Board Chamber Room 107,
Administration Building
651 Pine St., Martinez.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.cccfpd.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, Mark Nagel
925-254-6820
Orindatip@cityoforinda.org



Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report
June 2 - June 15
Alarms 99
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 16
Traffic 123
Suspicious Circumstances 11
Suspicious Subject 12
Suspicious Vehicle 13
Service to Citizen 47
Patrol Req./Security Check 28
Vacation House Check 85
Supplemental Report 21
School Assembly Check 29
Welfare Check 16
Vehicle violations
Auto Burglary
1000 Block 2Nd St.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Wilkinson Ln.
4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
DUI Misdemeanor
1000 Block Carol Ln.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor
500 Block Silverado Dr. (2)
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
3300 Block Springhill Rd.
3300 Block Helen Ln.
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
Golden Gate Way/Mt. Diablo Blvd.
No House Number
Police Department
Golden Gate Way/1st St.

800 Block Solana Dr.
3100 Block Somerset Dr.
600 Block Los Palos Dr.
3200 Block Glenside Dr.
Reckless Driving
St Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.
3300 Block Moraga Blvd.
Eb Sr 24 At Pleasant Hill Rd.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./1st St.
Taylor Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
Moraga Rd./Old Jonas Hill Rd.
Glorietta Blvd./Acalanes Rd.
1st St./Eb Sr 24
School St./Moraga Rd.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Olympic Blvd.
Moraga Rd./Brook St.
Vehicle Theft
3400 Block Monroe Ave.
Other criminal activity
Commercial Burglary
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Counterfeit
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Fraud Credit Card
Police Department
Fraud False Pretenses
1800 Block Ivanhoe Av
Grand Theft
1000 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.
Identity Theft
Police Department
Petty Theft
10 Block W Arbor Way
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Petty Theft From Vehicle
3700 Block Mosswood Dr.
10 Block Fallen Leaf Ct
10 Block W Arbor Way
Shoplift
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (4)
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (6)
Threats
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Warrant Arrest
Police Department
Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-Domestic
100 Block Lafayette Cr.
1000 Block 2Nd St.
Disturbance-Fight
Eb Sr 24 At Acalanes Rd.
Drunk In Public
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Intoxicated Subject
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.
Loitering
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Loud Music
1100 Block Glen Rd.
1200 Block Monticello Rd. (2)
Brook St./Moraga Rd.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block E View Dr. (2)
Loud Noise
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
50 Block Lafayette Cr.
20 Block Shreve Ln. (2)
1000 Block Vista Bella
Loud Party
Mcgraw Ln./Reliez Valley Rd.
3500 Block S Silver Springs Rd.
Ruth Ct/El Curtola Blvd.
3400 Block School St.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Public Nuisance
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

3400 Block Solana Ct
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
4000 Block Happy Valley Rd.
900 Block El Nido Ranch Rd.
Vandalism
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
1300 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3200 Block Fairholm Ct.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
500 Block Merriewood Dr.
Other
Animal Cruelty
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Death - Suicide
Olympic Blvd./Reliez Station Rd.
H&S Violation
900 Block S Thompson Rd.
Harassment
900 Block Moraga Rd.
Public Assembly Check
500 Block Merriewood
1000 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd
School Assembly Check
3800 Block Happy Valley Rd. (2)
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd. (2)
3400 Block School St.
1000 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd
Trespass
Springhill Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Trespass W/ Vehicle
900 Block Moraga Rd.
Unwanted Guest
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Violation Custody Order
3300 Block Las Huertas Rd.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report



June 4 - June 17
Alarms 22
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 12
Traffic 54
Suspicious Circumstances 5
Suspicious Subject 4
Suspicious Vehicle 7
Service to Citizen 43
Patrol Req./Security Check 34
Supplemental Report 13
Vacation House Check 1
Welfare Check 2
Vehicle violations
Auto Burglary
24 Hour Fitness
DUI Misdemeanor
Seven Eleven
Moraga Rd./Buckingham Dr.
Moraga Rd./Sky High
Excessive Speed
Moraga Rd./Donald Dr.
20 Block Greenfield Dr.
Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr.
Moraga Rd./St. Marys Rd.
St. Marys Rd./Entrance to College
Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr.
St. Marys Rd./Carter Dr.
St. Andrews Dr./Country Club Dr.
Ascot Dr./Moraga Rd.

Rheem Blvd./Stewart Ct.
Reckless Driving
Miramonte High School
Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.
Moraga Way/St. Andrews Dr.
Nations
Tc - Property Damage
Canyon Rd./Sanders Dr.
Traffic Hazard
Rheem Blvd./Glorietta Blvd.
Moraga Commons Park
St. Marys Rd./Bollinger Canyon Rd.
Valle Vista Staging Area
Moraga Rd./Ascot Dr.
Other criminal activity
Burglary
300 Block Rheem Blvd.
24 Hour Fitness
Identity Theft
Police Department
Panhandling
Safeway
Shoplift
400 Block Center St.
Nuisance to the Community
Harassment
1800 Block Ascot Dr.
Public Assembly Check
Rheem Valley Shopping Center (4)
Vandalism
Police Department
Other
Accident Property
Campolindo High School
Disturbance-Domestic
600 Block Moraga Rd.
Disturbing The Peace
Draeger Dr./Moraga Rd.
Failure To Obey
Campolindo High School
Ordinance Violation
300 Block Rheem Blvd.
1800 Block Joseph Dr.
Violation Dom. Viol. Order
Police Department



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

June 2 - June 15
Alarms 46
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 14
Traffic 52
Suspicious Circumstances 8
Suspicious Subject 5
Suspicious Vehicle 14
Service to Citizen 72
Patrol Req./Security Check 7
Vacation House Check 6
Supplemental Report 17
Welfare Check 5
Vehicle violations
Accident Injury
100 Block Camino Pablo
Rheem Blvd./Glorietta Blvd.

Auto Burglary
500 Block Tahos Rd.
Orinda Theater
30 Block Wilder Rd.
DUI Misdemeanor
Glorietta Blvd./Casa Vieja
Camino Pablo/Wb Sr 24
Hit And Run Misdemeanor
Glorietta Blvd./Rheem Blvd.
Wells Fargo
Petty Theft From Vehicle
10 Block De Soto Ct.
Reckless Driving
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.
Beverages And More
Theatre Square
30 Block Valley View Dr.
Don Gabriel Way/El Camino Moraga
El Camino Moraga/Donna Maria Way
Vehicle Theft
Safeway
100 Block La Espiral
80 Block Davis Rd.
Other criminal activity
Grand Theft From Vehicle
10 Block Corte Sombrita
Panhandling
Santa Maria Way/Orinda Way
10 Block Orinda Way
Petty Theft
Orinda Way/Santa Maria Way
10 Block Altarinda Rd.
Shoplift
Police Department
Terrorist Threats
Beverages And More
Warrant Arrest
Chevron
Shell/Santa Maria
Nuisance to the Community
Loud Music
10 Block La Campana Rd.
Moraga Valley Swim And Tennis
Loud Noise
10 Block Bobolink Rd.
Beverages And More
Loud Party
90 Block Evergreen Dr.
Public Nuisance
10 Block Orinda View Rd.
10 Block Evans Pl.
Other
Accident Property
100 Block Las Vegas Rd.
St. Stephens Dr./Eb Sr 24
Animal Cruelty
Bear Creek Rd./San Pablo Dam Rd.
Loitering
10 Block Orinda Way
Public Assembly Check
CVS (4)
Beverages And More
10 Block Camino Sobrante
20 Block Orinda Way
Ordinance Violation
Dalewood Terrace/Dalewood Pl. (3)
80 Block Mossbridge Ln.
20 Block Orinda Way
School Assembly Check
Miramonte High School (2)
Trespass
10 Block Quarry Hill Rd.
10 Block Broadview Terrace