

# MOFD hosts international disaster preparedness seminar



International disaster management seminar participants strike a pose at MOFD Station 45

**By Nick Marnell**

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District hosted a portion of the U.S. Forest Service International Disaster Seminar Aug. 19, a program that

brought together response professionals from around the world to help them improve their ability to respond to natural disasters. Twenty-five participants from 19 countries participated in the seminar,

which covered three weeks in various locations of Northern California.

At MOFD Fire Station 45, the participants divided into three groups – first responders, the emergency

operations center and the policy group. Each group played a role during a simulated earthquake disaster in Orinda. The first responders used the MOFD sand table simulator to play out an emergency response to a major water main break, natural gas leaks, a wildland fire and a potential dam failure with the associated evacuation concerns. The EOC staff coordinated and supported field operations while responding to the concerns and direction from the policy group, which had to deal with emergency declarations and the cancellation or relocation of the upcoming Orinda Community Fair.

“The goal of the exercise was to give the participants an opportunity to use the knowledge they have gained over the past three weeks to organize and respond to a

simulated disaster. The hope is that they will take the information back to their home countries and implement the principles of our Incident Command System,” said MOFD’s Dennis Rein, who coordinated the Aug. 19 event.

The seminar offered the visitors an opportunity to see how the community and the public sector work together in disaster preparation, mitigation and response. The group toured the North Orinda Shaded Fuel Break to see a real life example of such an undertaking.

Rein said he was especially impressed with the participants from Ethiopia, who planned to take the information they learned back to their country and apply it to not only natural disasters but to problems involving regional conflicts, drought and famine.

# ConFire prods Lafayette School District to address code violations



Stanley Middle School, Lafayette

Photo Andy Schreck

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The Lafayette School District was ordered by the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District to clear up the fire code violations and implement fire district recommendations

at each of its five city schools, before ConFire conducts a fourth and hopefully final inspection of the five schools during the first week of September.

According to inspection records provided by ConFire,

violations at the schools ranged from an uncovered electrical junction box to obstructed exit signs to improperly stored combustible material. Of the nearly 70 violations uncovered by the fire district at the five schools, 27 remained to be corrected in the third week of August, with Stanley Middle School leading the way with 13 unaddressed code violations.

ConFire is required to inspect the 11 public and private schools in Lafayette annually. The Meher Schools, St. Perpetua and the Contra Costa Jewish Day School passed inspection earlier this year, Acalanes High School and the Bentley School will be inspected for a third time in September and the Springstone School will be inspected in October. The five LAFSD schools had been inspected three times in 2019, and in August ConFire sent

each school a letter advising them that, though “progress has been made,” their remaining violations needed to be corrected before the fourth inspection.

“We have resolved or are resolving everything that we can do with our own maintenance and operations staff. A few of the issues require outside vendors for whom we have been waiting patiently, and we were able to accelerate some work with the impetus of the most recent visit from ConFire,” LAFSD Superintendent Richard Whitmore said.

The superintendent acknowledged the vigilance of the fire district and the fire prevention bureau. “All immediate recommendations are being rectified and ... we appreciate the good efforts of ConFire and our inspector to bring the additional scrutiny and safety to our campuses,” Whitmore said.

## Fire District Public Meetings

**Moraga-Orinda Fire District**  
Board of Directors  
Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.  
Go to the website for meeting location, times and agendas.  
Visit [www.mofd.org](http://www.mofd.org)



## ConFire

Board of Directors  
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m.  
Board Chamber Room 107,  
Administration Building  
651 Pine St., Martinez.  
For meeting times and agendas, visit [www.cccfpd.org](http://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](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, Mark Nagel

925-254-6820

Orindatip@cityoforinda.org



### Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report

Aug. 11 - Aug. 24

Alarms 57  
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 17  
Traffic 184  
Suspicious Circumstances 9  
Suspicious Subject 27  
Suspicious Vehicle 33  
Service to Citizen 45  
Patrol Req./Security Check 26  
School Assembly Check 23  
Vacation House Check 38  
Supplemental Report 16  
Welfare Check 14

### Vehicle violations

Auto Burglary  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3400 Block Woodview Dr.  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
DUI Misdemeanor  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.  
Grand Theft From Vehicle  
3400 Block Woodview Dr.  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
30 Block Reliez Valley Ct.  
Police Department  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3800 Block Happy Valley Rd.  
4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
50 Block Lafayette Cir.  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Stanley Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Petty Theft From Vehicle  
3500 Block Brook St.  
3400 Block Woodview Dr.  
1500 Block Silver Dell Rd.

Reckless Driving  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cir.  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./2nd St.  
Moraga Rd./Old Jonas Hill Rd.

Stolen Vehicle Recovery  
1st St./Deer Hill Rd.

Tc - Property Damage  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Via Media/Via Alta

Police Department  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Acalanes Ave.  
Deer Hill Rd./1st St.

School Laurel Dr./Deer Hill Rd.  
El Nido Ranch Rd./Acalanes Rd.  
Taylor Blvd./Withers Ave.

3200 Block Old Tunnel Rd.  
1100 Block Estates Dr.  
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Other criminal activity

Fraud Credit Card  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Bl A  
Fraud False Pretenses

3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3700 Block Mosswood Dr.  
3500 Block Wilkinson Ln.  
3300 Block Helen Ln.

Grand Theft  
800 Block Santa Maria Way  
Identity Theft  
900 Block Hough Ave.

Panhandling  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Petty Theft

3300 Block Woodview Dr. (2)  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3300 Block Oak Ct. (2)

3300 Block Carlyle Terrace (2)  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Shoplift

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Nuisance to the Community

Disturbance-Domestic  
1000 Block Brown Ave.  
3400 Block Moraga Blvd.

500 Block Morecroft Rd.  
3500 Block Brook St.  
Disturbing The Peace

3400 Block Silver Springs Ct.  
Loud Music  
Rowe Pl./Moraga Rd.

Carol Ln./Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Kingsley Pl./Somerset Dr.  
Old Jonas Hill Rd./Moraga Rd.

3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Loud Noise  
900 Block Colina Ct. (2)

3400 Block School St.  
3500 Block Terrace Way  
Loud Party

1100 Block Sierra Vista Way  
Fairholm Ct./Reliez Valley Rd.  
3200 Block Sweet Dr. (2)

Public Nuisance  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
1000 Block Carol Ln.

1000 Block Dyer Dr.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Vandalism

3300 Block Mildred Ln.  
4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
1000 Block Glen Rd.  
Deer Hill Rd./Orchard Rd.

Other  
Animal Cruelty  
Dewing Ave./Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
60 Block Lafayette Cir.

H&S Violation  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
Harassment

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Ordinance Violation  
3300 Block S Lucille Ln.

Prom Shoot  
3200 Block Del Mar Dr.  
Public Assembly Check

1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd. (3)  
Threats  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Lark Creek Ln./Reliez Valley Rd.  
800 Block Moraga Rd.  
Trespass

3400 Block School St.  
900 Block Moraga Rd.  
Violation Custody Order

1200 Block Warner Ct.  
Violation Restraining Ord  
3400 Block School St.

### Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report

Aug. 13 - Aug. 26

Alarms 16  
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 9  
Traffic 46  
Suspicious Circumstances 13  
Suspicious Subject 7  
Suspicious Vehicle 2  
Service to Citizen 48  
Patrol Req./Security Check 15  
Supplemental Report 8  
Vacation House Check 3  
Welfare Check 7

### Vehicle violations

Accident Property  
60 Block Shuey Dr.  
Excessive Speed  
Camino Pablo/Canyon Rd.  
Moraga Rd./St. Marys Rd. (3)  
Canyon Rd./Larch Ave  
Moraga Rd./Lucas Dr.  
Moraga Rd./Donald Dr.  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor  
800 Block Crossbrook Ct.  
Rheem Bumoraga Rd.  
Petty Theft From Vehicle  
300 Block Draeger Dr.  
Reckless Driving  
Safeway  
Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.  
Moraga Country Club

### Other criminal activity

Commercial Burglary  
Lafayette Police Department

Identity Theft  
700 Block Moraga Rd.

Petty Theft  
1200 Block School St.  
20 Block/24 Hour Fitness

Not Available  
20 Block Hardie Dr.  
1800 Block Camino Pablo

400 Block Donald Dr.  
CVS  
500 Block Moraga Rd.

Homegoods  
Nuisance to the Community  
Disturbing The Peace

30 Block Hardie Dr.  
1400 Block Camino Peral  
Loud Music

Not Available  
Loud Noise  
Homegoods  
Moraga Way/St. Andrews Dr.

Loud Party  
80 Block Shuey Dr.  
Vandalism

400 Block Moraga Rd.  
Other  
Harassment

1900 Block St. Marys Rd.  
Neighbor Dispute  
Not Available

Ordinance Violation  
Not Available  
Public Assembly Check

Safeway  
Suicide  
1100 Block Sanders Dr.

Violation Dom. Viol. Order  
Police Department



### Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

Aug. 11 - Aug. 24

Alarms 55  
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 24  
Traffic 60  
Suspicious Circumstances 7  
Suspicious Subject 26  
Suspicious Vehicle 15  
Service to Citizen 44  
Patrol Req./Security Check 12  
Vacation House Check 9  
Supplemental Report 16  
Welfare Check 11

### Vehicle violations

Auto Burglary  
El Nido Ranch Rd./Charles Hill Rd.  
Police Department  
Orinda Country Club  
Hit And Run Misdemeanor

Safeway  
Petty Theft From Vehicle

10 Block Ramona Dr.  
Reckless Driving  
San Pablo Dam Rd./Camino Pablo

Moraga Way/Valley View Dr.  
Vehicle Theft  
10 Block Altarinda Rd.

Other criminal activity  
Grand Theft  
60 Block Heather Ln.

Identity Theft  
10 Block Theatre Sq 106  
10 Block Ivy Dr.

Petty Theft  
100 Block Moraga Way  
Residential Burglary

10 Block Casa Vieja  
Shoplift  
Rite Aid

Beverages And More  
Safeway  
Warrant Arrest

Library  
Nuisance to the Community  
Disturbance-Domestic

600 Block Tahos Rd.  
Disturbing The Peace  
10 Block Owl Hill Ct.

Safeway  
Loud Music  
Estates Dr./Brookside Rd.

Glorietta Blvd./Overhill Rd.  
Loud Noise  
200 Block Glorietta Blvd.

Donald Dr./Hall Dr.  
Loud Party  
10 Block Culver Ct.

Public Nuisance  
10 Block Camino Pablo  
Unocal Station And Food Mart

Vandalism  
60 Block Davis Rd.  
Other

Accident Property  
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.  
Miramonte High School

Shell Gas  
Orinda Theater  
10 Block Camino Sobrante

10 Block Rich Acres Rd.  
Orinda Senior Village  
Failure To Obey

Wb Sr 24 At Wilder Rd.  
H&S Violation  
10 Block Vallecito Ln.

Harassment  
200 Block Brookwood Rd.  
Mentally Ill Commit

Orinda Intermediate School  
10 Block Camino Sobrante  
Ordinance Violation

10 Block Bobolink Rd.  
Trespass  
Wilder Rd./Windy Creek Way

The Quarry House At Wilder  
Unwanted Guest  
Safeway  
50 Block Moraga Way  
Violation Dom Viol Order  
10 Block Nonie Rd.