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MOFD celebrates 25 years of service to the community

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First Orinda Firehouse, 1924 Photo courtesy MOFD

boundaries to assist with major disasters, fires, and other emergency responses, including the recent Caldor, Dixie, River Complex, SCU Lightning Complex, and Lava Fires," while recognizing that "the brave firefighters of MOFD are prepared to risk their lives to help save the lives of others and to protect homes and property from the destruction caused by fire."

Council members each expressed gratitude to MOFD for continuing to make its district safe; and for constantly educating the residents in fire protection techniques that the communities can help participate in.

On hand was MOFD Chief Dave Winnacker who stated, "The men and women of the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District are committed to this community day and night. Wildfires, medical calls, structure fires, vehicle accidents, pandemics, etc. They continue to answer the bell 24 hours a day. While we acknowledge and we appreciate all the hard work they do, we also acknowledge and appreciate the hard work that the members of the community have done to allow us to be more effective.

"The work community members have done to create defensible space and to harden their homes to follow fire-safe best practices, to be prepared for a timely evacuation when ordered, is tremendously helpful and allows our firefighters to be more effective," Winnacker added. "We appreciate that. We appreciate everyone taking ownership for this problem and the degree that the community sees that they have a role in reducing a risk of not only wildfire loss, but of structure fire loss and all of the other perils that as a community we're working to reduce."

Winnacker went on to thank the entire town staff for being such great partners in cooperation with MOFD and their needs.

Also present was MOFD Board of Directors Vice President Steve Danziger. "I just want to say thank you. We do have a fearless leader in Chief Winnacker; and our little district here that serves 14,000 properties is becoming the model not only for the Bay Area, for the state, and for even the nation. We look forward to continuing partnership with the town and some new programs coming up."

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