

Tunnel Vision

By Nick Marnell



MOFD fire engine at the new bore entrance

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The week before the opening of the Caldecott Tunnel's Fourth Bore, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, along with other fire agencies, participated in safety drills that simulated events ranging from a car fire to an explosion inside the tunnel. Many of the tests involved upgraded systems requested by the district.

As MOFD is the first responder on the Orinda side of the tunnel, the California Department of Transportation asked the district what specific safety measures it would like to see implemented in the new bore. The district re-

quested a new and improved water system and an upgraded radio communication system, according to fire chief Stephen Healy.

Fifty-year-old pipes run water through the system in bores one, two and three; the Fourth Bore uses a looped system, which provides superior water pressure and, during a fire, its cut-off valves can be manipulated so that the water supply may be diverted and concentrated to put the fire out. "We will be upgrading the system on one, two and three," said Caltrans project engineer Byron Lim. ... continued on page B2



MOFD Firefighter Janet Brandi hooks up a hose at the entrance of the Caldecott Tunnel's new Fourth Bore.

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