



Fire Districts

Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors
 Wednesday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
 Go to the website for meeting location, times and agendas. Visit www.mofd.org

ConFire Board of Directors
 Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1:30 p.m.
 Board Chamber room 107, Administration Building, 651 Pine St., Martinez
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MOFD welcomes Truck 44 into its apparatus fleet

By Nick Marnell



From left, firefighter-paramedic Jeremy Kshevatzky, Capt. Brad Nygard and engineer Clayton Hoover.

Photo Nick Marnell

That head-turning, bright red, articulated fire truck that has been on training runs in Moraga and Orinda streets for the past few weeks was put into service Sept. 10 at Moraga-Orinda Fire District Station 44. The \$1.2 million truck is part of a major apparatus purchase approved by the district board in 2017.

The new vehicle is indeed a showstopper. “We’ve been getting a lot of comments from the public and from other agencies about how beautiful this truck is,” Capt. Brad

Nygard said.

But the truck has not arrived without controversy. Two district board members voted against its purchase, with director John Jex wary that the district was not in a solid enough financial position to spend nearly \$3 million on new apparatus. Others argued that a quint – a vehicle that carries an aerial ladder, a ground ladder, a pump, water and a hose – would have been a more prudent purchase.

A quint operates both as a fire truck and a fire engine but accord-

ing to many firefighters, does neither operation well. “I know what an engine can do and I know what a truck can do,” Capt. Daryle Balao, one of the original MOFD firefighters, said at the time. “My responsibility as a truck captain is to open holes and break things so that the engine company can put the fire out.” A ladder truck carries extrication equipment and specialized rescue supplies. It carries more tools than an engine but no water. Its 100-foot aerial ladder is bigger. Its features are more in line with cur-

rent firefighting needs, said Balao.

The Spirit of Saint Mary’s, the truck donated to MOFD by the college in 2001, became a reserve vehicle at Station 41 once the new truck was put into front line service at Fire Station 44. That change also caused controversy, with Moraga residents complaining about the district moving the truck to Orinda.

“I make no decisions based on politics of the district,” said Fire Chief Dave Winacker. The chief stressed the central location of Station 44, noting that the travel time from the station is almost identical to both Orinda Village and Saint Mary’s College.

As for accessibility, Winnacker said that Truck 41 was unable to access 170 streets and courts and an additional 21 portions of various streets and courts in the district. Because of the increased mobility of its articulating chassis, Truck 44 will be able to access all but six streets and courts. That list excludes areas that MOFD does not respond with a truck, such as Canyon, Bollinger, and other outlying areas. In those areas, road access is not the issue, but the rural nature of the community with the associated vegetation and property setbacks makes a truck ineffective, and Winacker said the district responds with an engine instead.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report Aug. 28 - Sept. 9

Alarms	27
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	8
Traffic	99
Suspicious Circumstances	9
Suspicious Subject	4
Suspicious Vehicle	9
Service to Citizen	38
Patrol Request/ Security Check	32
Vacation House Check	13
Supplemental Report	11
Welfare Check	1
Abandoned Vehicle	St. Marys Rd./Moraga Rd.
Accident Property	Moraga Rd./Lucas Dr.
Auto Burglary	20 Block 24 Hour Fitness

Battery Sexual Civil

Civil Standby
 Disturbing the Peace
 Drunk in Public

Excessive Speed

Campolindo High School
 1500 Block Canyon Rd.
 Homegoods
 Starbucks
 10 Block Magee Ct.
 2000 Block Ascot Dr. (2)
 1400 Block Moraga Way
 Safeway
 Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.
 Canyon/Cam Pablo
 Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr.
 Canyon Rd./Country Club Dr.
 Walking Trail X From St. Marys Canyon/Camino
 Camino Ricardo/Corliss Dr.
 Lucas Dr./Moraga Rd. (3)
 Home Goods

Found Property
 Grand Theft
 Hit And Run Misdemeanor
 Identity Theft
 Loitering
 Lost Property

Loud Music
 Loud Party

Medical Hospital

Moraga Commons
 200 Block Draeger Dr.
 Alemany Dr./St. Marys College A
 Police Department
 20 Block Carr Dr.
 100 Block Quintas Ln.
 1700 Block Donald Dr.
 Police Department
 Ascot Dr./Moraga Rd.
 Hacienda
 10 Block Miramonte Dr.
 2000 Block Ascot Dr.
 70 Block Miramonte Dr.
 Draeger Dr./Moraga Rd.
 1000 Block Sanders Dr.
 900 Block Country Club Dr.

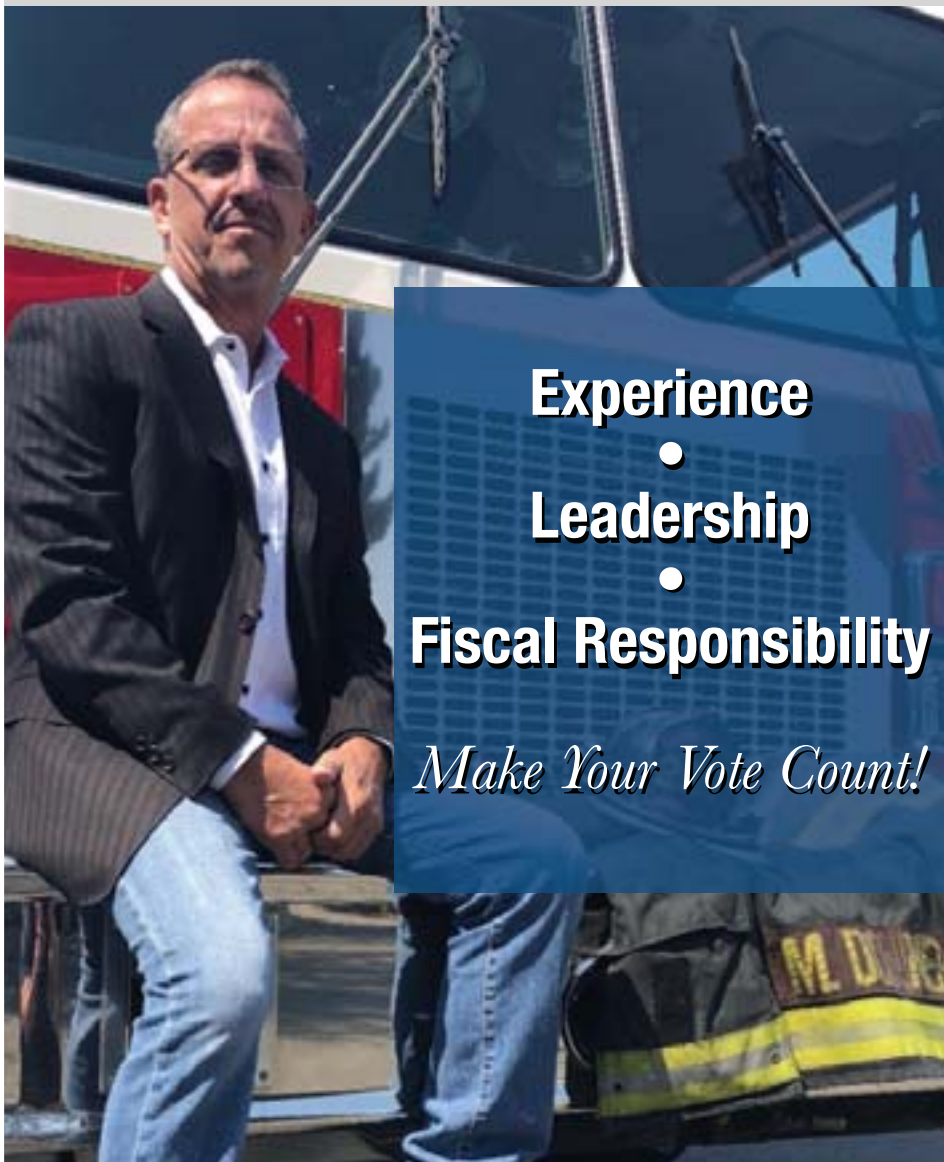
Missing Juvenile
 Motorist Assist
 Ordinance Violation
 Petty Theft
 Public Assembly Check

Reckless Driving

Shoplift
 Traffic Control
 Traffic Stop
 Verbal Dispute
 Warrant Arrest

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 Bank Of America
 100 Block Ascot Ct.
 Campolindo High School
 Rheem Valley Shopping Center (5)
 10 Block Roberts Ct.
 Seven Eleven
 Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr. (3)
 Safeway
 Moraga Way
 Safeway (3)
 Canyon Rd./Camino Pablo
 Camino Pablo/Rimer Dr.
 10 Block El Camino Flores
 10 Block Laird Dr.
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