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## Fire District Public Meetings

### Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Board of Directors  
Wednesday, Feb. 20, 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, Feb. 12, 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)



## Wells elected to California Professional Firefighters executive board



**Vince Wells,** Photo provided  
new CPF vice president

**By Nick Marnell**

Vince Wells, president of the United Professional Firefighters of Contra Costa County, Local 1230, has been elected the 4th District vice president

for the California Professional Firefighters organization. Wells took office Jan. 25.

CPF, the largest statewide organization dedicated exclusively to serving the needs of career firefighters, includes more than 175 local affiliates, representing some 30,000 front line firefighters and paramedics. CPF services include legislative work and advocacy on behalf of the fire service and are directed to members through the leadership of these local affiliates. The 4th District, one of eight in California, comprises the nine-county Bay Area.

An Air Force veteran with more than 20 years in the fire service, Wells has served for 11 years as Local 1230 president. In that role, he represents members from five different agencies, including the Moraga-Orinda Fire District and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. Wells, a ConFire cap-

tain, led firefighters from both Lamorinda fire districts though their recent labor negotiations.

CPF President Brian Rice noted that Wells has been an active and engaged participant in local and state issues on behalf of firefighters and all working people. "You become an advisor to a lot of fire agencies though the 1230 job," Wells said. "With that experience comes a lot of knowledge that I look forward to passing on to other fire agencies."

Wells said that continuing to secure local funding from state cap-and-trade revenue to advance wildfire protection will be a top goal in his new position. The cap-and-trade program, which began in 2012 and targets greenhouse gas reduction, has brought in billions of dollars of revenue to California.

## New mileage markers relieve the mystery of driving on Pinehurst Road



Photo Nick Marnell

**More readable and highly reflective**

**By Nick Marnell**

In order to allow quicker access to the area for emergency vehicles, and to help drivers navigate a remote and tortuous road, mileposts along the six miles of Pinehurst Road in Contra Costa County have been upgraded thanks to the efforts of the Canyon community, the county and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District.

According to Canyon resident Jonathan Goodwin, people would wreck their cars or bicycles on Pinehurst and not have any idea where they were. What do they tell the 911 operator? And how would the dispatchers convey accurate location information

to emergency responders? "A call would come in, emergency vehicles would get to the Pinehurst and Redwood Road intersection, and the ambulance would turn left and the engine would go right. A lot of time was wasted," Goodwin said.

Community residents said that it was time to upgrade the Pinehurst markers which, according to MOFD emergency preparedness coordinator Dennis Rein, were useless because no one could understand what they meant. So with the cooperation of county and fire district officials, easily visible and understood mileposts were installed in early January. The markers are spaced one-tenth of a mile apart along Pinehurst for one mile from the Alameda County line to Canyon Road, then for five miles through Canyon to the city of Oakland at Skyline Boulevard.

"Even in this age of technology, it's difficult to navigate through Canyon," said Mike Giles of the Contra Costa County Public Works Department, who agreed that the older posts were hard for motorists to understand as the signs were used mainly to mark drainage inlets and shoulder dropoffs. "We used the highest and most reflective film available. The new signs will stand out in the fog

and the smoke." Giles said that the day the workers were installing the mileposts, a tree fell across Pinehurst Road and the crew used the new markers in giving directions to the East Bay Municipal Utility District to come and remove it.

MOFD responds to emergency calls in Canyon but the calls are dispatched by the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. "The location of each of these new mile markers has recently been shared with the Contra Costa Regional Fire Communications Center so they will be available for quick reference to assist callers," said William Pigeon, ConFire assistant chief, communications division.

The milepost upgrade is not the only project the Canyon community has recently spearheaded to aid first responders. In 2018, residents put up street signs, and many homes now include house numbers. "Meeting folks at the Canyon post office was not the best way to respond to emergencies," Rein said.

Rein applauded the Canyon residents for taking additional steps to protect themselves from wildfires, including organizing community brush-cutting days and hiring a goat herd to graze away hazardous fuels.

### Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report



Jan. 15 - Jan. 27

Alarms	21
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	7
Traffic	59
Suspicious Circumstances	6
Suspicious Subject	3
Suspicious Vehicle	9
Service to Citizen	43
Patrol Request/ Security Check	24
Supplemental Report	4
Welfare Check	5

### Vehicle violations

Abandoned Vehicle	2000 Block Donald Dr.
	2000 Block Donald Dr.
	100 Block Natalie Dr.
Excessive Speed	Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.
	Rheem Blvd./Pd Dolores/Moraga Rd.
	Moraga Way/Miramonte Dr.
	Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.
	Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.
	Rheem Blvd./Stewart Ct.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	Moraga Way/St Andrews Dr.
Reckless Driving	St. Marys Rd./Moraga Rd.
	St. Marys College
Traffic Hazard	Old Moraga Trail/Sanders Range
	Canyon Rd./Country Club Dr.

### Other criminal activity

Fraud Credit Card	Not Available
	10 Block Corte Azul
Fraud False Pretenses	100 Block Natalie Dr.
Grand Theft	400 Block Center St.
Identity Theft	400 Block Tharp Dr.
Petty Theft	10 Block Thorndale Pl.
Rape	St. Marys College
Robbery Strongarm	CVS Moraga Shopping Center

### Nuisance to the Community

Disturbing The Peace	600 Block Rheem Blvd.
	2000 Block Ascot Dr.
Loud Party	600 Block Rheem Blvd.
Public Assembly Check	Rheem Valley Shopping Center (3)
Public Nuisance	3800 Block Via Granada
Vandalism	2000 Block Ascot Dr.

### Other

Accident Property	Library
	900 Block Country Club Dr.
	Moraga Rd./Center St.
Fish And Game	20 Block Del Rio Ct.
Violation Custody Order	1700 Block St. Andrews Dr.



### Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

Jan. 13 - Jan. 26

Alarms	45
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	8
Traffic	68
Suspicious Circumstances	3
Suspicious Subject	11
Suspicious Vehicle	10
Service to Citizen	49
Patrol Request/ Security Check	18
Vacation House Check	13
Supplemental Report	19
Welfare Check	4

### Vehicle violations

DUI Misdemeanor	600 Block Moraga Way
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	10 Block Orinda Way
Reckless Driving	Theatre Square
	Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd
	Camino Pablo/Eb Sr 24
	San Pablo Dam Rd./Camino Pablo
Vehicle Theft	20 Block Van Ripper Ln.

### Other criminal activity

Assault W/ Deadly Weapon	30 Block Ivy Dr.
Burglary	Safeway
Commercial Burglary	40 Block Robert Rd.
Fraud False Pretenses	Police Department
Misc Burglary	30 Block Charles Hill Cr.
Ordinance Violation	10 Block Orchard Rd.
	10 Block Orchard Rd.
Petty Theft From Vehicle	10 Block Sycamore Rd.

### Nuisance to the Community

Disturbing The Peace	100 Block Scenic Dr.
Harassment	CVS
Public Assembly Check	CVS
	300 Block Camino Pablo
Public Nuisance	Meadow Ln./Glorietta Blvd
	60 Block Orchard Rd.
Vandalism	Starbucks

### Other

Accident Injury	Moraga Way/Estabueno Dr.
Accident Property	100 Block Rheem Blvd.
	Manzanita Dr./Camino Pablo
Checks Non Suff Funds	20 Block Orinda Way
Failure To Obey	Camino Pablo/Wildcat Canyon Rd.
Failure To Obey	Caldecott
Unauthorized Possession	Safeway

We are still awaiting reports from the Lafayette Police Department.

Share your thoughts, insights and opinions with your community.  
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