



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Moraga-Orinda Fire District**  
**MOFD Receives Mobile Training Tower, Moraga, CA**

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MORAGA, CA – On Friday, June 31, 2012, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District took delivery of a 4 1/2–story Mobile Training Tower (MTT). The \$234,500 corrugated steel training tower, manufactured by Riverside Metal Craft in Hawkinsville, GA., was funded by a FEMA grant with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

The self-contained tower is mounted on a semi-tractor and can be raised and lowered in less than 15 minutes. Acknowledging the concern for the aesthetics of a fire training tower in the community, MOFD specifically requested the MTT for its ability to be raised for training exercises and then lowered for storage.

Since the formation of the Fire District in 1997, MOFD has needed a safe and adequate training facility within the boundaries of the District. The MTT will now allow fire companies to practice while staying within their response area to ensure uninterrupted fire protection.

“Firefighter training is the keystone for success in ensuring our talented members maintain a high-level of proficiency. For that reason, the members of MOFD log over 37,000 hours of training annually. The MTT will be an invaluable adjunct for our firefighters to sharpen the many skills demanded of them,” Battalion Chief Jerry Lee stated.

With the addition of this valuable resource funded by a FEMA grant, MOFD anticipates the MTT will provide added cost efficiencies to the Fire District.