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Meals on Wheels Diablo Region's Services Continue After Fire



Contra Costa County, September 26, 2022 - On Saturday evening, Meals on Wheels Diablo Region had a fire in its Walnut Creek office, suspected to be caused by a faulty light panel. The offices will remain closed while the organization assesses smoke, water, and other damage, but according to Caitlin Sly, Executive Director, meal deliveries will not be impacted by the fire, "Since our meals are prepared and packaged at an off-site kitchen, our volunteers will pick up meals at our other pick-up sites around the County. We can ensure that all clients will receive their meals."

Supportive services like Fall Prevention, exercise classes, Friendly Visitors, Care Management, will also continue uninterrupted.

The fire was contained in a second-floor storage room and any structural damage appears minor. "We are assessing the situation to see when staff will be able to reenter the building," adds Sly. "During Covid, most of our staff were able to work from home without any disruption to services, in fact, no client ever missed a meal. Our staff and volunteers are resilient..."

MOW Diablo Region is already speaking to other organizations to arrange for temporary office space for its most essential workers. "We are so grateful for the offers to help," says Sly. "The community recognizes the important service we provide to vulnerable seniors. Without MOW Diablo Region many seniors would go hungry."

Meals on Wheels Diablo Region is an independent non-profit and the only meals on wheels in the county to deliver both meals and life-improving services that include, Fall Prevention, Care Management, Health & Wellness, Friendly Visitors, and Friendly Callers.



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Volunteers were notified of the situation on Sunday and clients should not see any change to their delivery times. If you have questions about meal delivery, volunteer assignments or how you can help, please call 925-937-8311 or reach out to us online at info@mowdr.org.

About Meals on Wheels Diablo Region: *Helping over 7,000 seniors each year, our mission is to enhance the lives of older adults in Contra Costa County by providing coordinated care that enables them to live independently and with dignity. Our dedicated staff of experts connects seniors with essential services in Contra Costa County. We work to keep our elderly neighbors nourished, healthy, safe, and independent because we provide more than a meal. As our list of seniors in need grows, so does our need for more volunteers. Help us support more seniors in the county! If you would like to get involved, [please visit our website](#). We have several open positions for employment, [click here to join the team](#). Stay in the loop with our updates and announcements, [“LIKE” and connect with us on Facebook!](#)*