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The Auburn City Fire Department has learned that a firefighter has tested positive for COVID-19. The affected firefighter is in self-quarantine at home and has not required hospitalization. On June 20, 2020, a firefighter informed the Auburn City Fire Department's on-duty Chief Officer that he had received a positive test result for the Novel Coronavirus. The source of the infection has not yet been determined, but the Auburn City Fire Department is working with the Placer County Public Health Department to determine the source.

The Auburn City Fire Department has protocols in place to limit or prevent the spread of infection between patients and fire personnel. Fire personnel follow these protocols during all treatment and interaction with residents. The firefighter had no fever or symptoms during his last on-duty shift. The firefighter became symptomatic 3 days after leaving the station.

"It is our belief that there is very little chance of infection to the public," said Auburn Fire Chief Dave Spencer. "The safety of the residents in our community and our first responders are my priorities right now are. We, as a department, are committed to preventing the spread of the novel coronavirus and protecting the residents of Auburn." All Fire personnel have been tested for COVID-19 and, out of an abundance of caution, all City Hall and some Police personnel are being tested this week as well. The City is coordinating their efforts with the County's Health Officer and thus far all tests have come back negative.

"For months now the City has been taking every precaution to keep our residents and employees safe," said Mayor Daniel Berlant. "Our Fire Chief and City Manager have implemented our COVID-19 Emergency Plan and ensuring we not only take care of our employees but make sure our essential services continue."

"While we have worked hard to balance health safety with returning to a sense of normalcy, now more than ever we must all take the proper steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19," said Mayor Berlant.

Due to health privacy rights, the City is unable to provide any information about the identity of the affected firefighter.

Should you have any further questions please call Robert Richardson, Auburn City Manager at (530) 823-4211 #192.