

# Auburn Fire Department

## Bi-Monthly Executive Summary

July - August 2020

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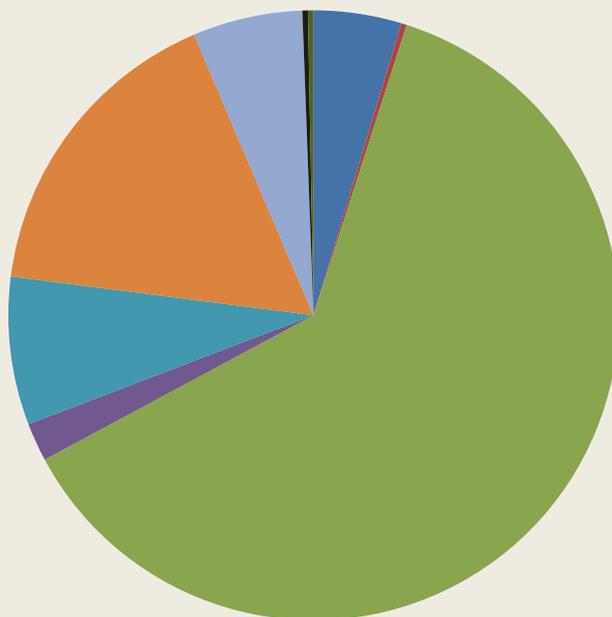
Current ISO Rating: 3

### News & Events

1. Engine 1271 and Engine 1272 were deployed on multiple strike teams throughout the state to various incidents: Hog Fire, Jones Fire, Lake Fire, Ranch 2 Fire, Walker Fire, as well as covering various CAL FIRE stations throughout Placer County. Currently Engine 1271 & Engine 1272 are deployed on the North Complex in Plumas County.
2. We received Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase decontamination equipment for facilities and apparatus.
3. Over the last 16 months Auburn Fire has utilized \$140,000 in grant funding awarded by the California Fire Safe Council to clear over 30 acres of overgrown vegetation along the canyon rim to bolster the Auburn Shaded Fuel Break, stretching from Riverview Drive to Borland Avenue.

### Update on Response

Bi-Monthly Incident Summary	Fire	Over-Pressure	EMS/Rescue	Hazmat	Service Call	Good Intent	False Call	Natural Disaster	Other	Total
7/1/20 – 8/31/20	16	1	214	7	27	57	20	1	1	344



- 1 - Fire: 4.65%
- 2 - Overpressure Rupture Explosion, Overheat (no fire): 0.29%
- 3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident: 62.21%
- 4 - Hazardous Condition (no fire): 2.03%
- 5 - Service Call: 7.85%
- 6 - Good Intent Call: 16.57%
- 7 - False Alarm & False Call: 5.81%
- 8 - Natural Disaster 0.29%
- 9 - Special/Other Type 0.29%

## **Significant Emergency Incidents**

### **Residential Structure Fire**

**13162 Lincoln Way, July 5<sup>th</sup>** – At 00:30, Battalion 1215, Engine 1284 and Engine 1285 responded automatic aid to CALFIRE Station 10 for a reported structure fire at 13162 Lincoln Way. Upon arrival, fire units found a working structure fire in a detached garage that extended into two adjacent exposures. B1215 provided incident command functions. Engine 1284 and Engine 1285 provided assistance with water supply, fire attack, exposure protection, salvage and overhaul. Aggressive fire attack minimized fire spread and prevented the fire from extending into the surrounding vegetation and burning into the City of Auburn.

Incident Command:	Unified with CALFIRE
Auburn Fire Personnel:	(A-Shift) 7
Automatic / Mutual Aid:	Automatic aid provided to CALFIRE
Total Personnel:	37 excluding Law Enforcement and AMR

### **Vegetation Fire**

**113 Lincoln Way, July 11<sup>th</sup>** – At 17:50, Battalion 1215, Engine 1284 and Engine 1285 responded to a reported vegetation fire at 113 Lincoln Way. Upon arrival, fire units found a small vegetation fire behind 113 Lincoln Way. Engine 1285 and CALFIRE Engine 2361 extinguished the fire. Rapid response kept the fire contained to a large spot with no damage to adjacent the structures or daycare. Engine 1285 investigated the fire and found a lighter in the area of origin. B1215 contacted APD to assist with obtaining witness statements. Fire and Law units determined the fire was human caused. Report information was forwarded to the Firefighters Burn Institute Youth Firesetter Program.

Incident Command:	Unified with CALFIRE
Auburn Fire Personnel:	(A-Shift) 4
Automatic / Mutual Aid:	Automatic aid received from CALFIRE
Total Personnel:	11 excluding Law Enforcement

### **HAZMAT**

**Elm Avenue between High Street and I-80, July 16<sup>th</sup>** – At 10:40, Battalion 1215, Engine 1284 and Engine 1285 responded to an oil spill at the intersection of Elm Avenue and High Street. Upon arrival, B1215 found an oil spill in the roadway and requested Public Works and APD. Engine 1285 and E1284 arrived at scene, provided traffic control and assisted with clean-up. A non-injury single motorcycle accident occurred near the oil spill. The roadway was closed for approximately two hours with significant impact to traffic in the downtown area. Cause of the spill was a blown transmission cooler line estimated at 8 gallons of Automatic Transmission Fluid.

Incident Command:	B1215
Auburn Fire Personnel:	(A-Shift) 8
Automatic / Mutual Aid:	Mutual aid received from CALFIRE
Total Personnel:	9 excluding Public Works and Law Enforcement

### **Medical Aid**

**Red Hawk Lane, August 4<sup>th</sup>** – At 20:06, Auburn Fire Department and AMR responded to a medical aid with staging required for a juvenile with a possible gunshot wound. Auburn Police Department cleared the scene and reported CPR in progress. Arriving fire resources continued CPR efforts until AMR

declared the patient deceased. Due to the nature of the call, B1217 requested the assistance of the local Critical Incident Stress Team to debrief with the first responders the following day.

Incident Command: Captain Davis, E1285  
Auburn Fire Personnel: (A-Shift) 7  
Automatic / Mutual Aid: N/A  
Total Personnel: 7 excluding Law Enforcement and AMR

### **Commercial Structure Fire**

**6105 Highway 193, August 4<sup>th</sup>** – At 20:35, Engine 1271, while covering CAL FIRE Bowman Station 10, were dispatched to Newcastle for a commercial structure fire with a small amount of surrounding vegetation involved. No additional structures damaged, no reported injuries, and no road closures. The structure was a complete loss. The structure was used for fruit packaging and processing.

Auburn Fire Personnel: 3  
Automatic / Mutual Aid: Provided to Newcastle Fire  
Total Personnel: 25 excluding Law

### **Vegetation Fire**

**I-80 & Russell Road, August 17<sup>th</sup>** – At 10:21, Auburn Fire Engine 1284 and Auburn Battalion Chief, responded with CALFIRE to a vegetation fire. The Auburn Woods Apartments were in direct threat of fire impingement. E1284 aggressively placed a hose line in service and protected the apartments from fire. We were in unified command with Cal Fire, Auburn PD, PCSO. 2.2 acres in total burned.

Incident Command: Chief Zaucha, B1217  
Auburn Fire Personnel: (C-Shift) 4  
Automatic / Mutual Aid: 18 Resources  
Total Personnel: 36 excluding law  
Fire Cause: Undetermined

### **Vehicle Accident**

**In front of 600 Auburn Ravine Road, August 17<sup>th</sup>** – At 17:06 Auburn Fire and Police units responded to a reported vehicle accident into the Auburn Ravine. One vehicle was found on its side in the ravine. The driver reported no injuries. A small sheen from vehicle fluids was seen on the water and Auburn IC requested a boom from Public Works. PCWA & Placer County Environmental Health were notified of the potential contamination.

Incident Command: Chief Zaucha, B1217  
Auburn Fire Personnel: (C-Shift) 4  
Automatic / Mutual Aid: N/A  
Total Personnel: 10 Including APD and AMR

### **Vegetation Fire**

**Nevada Street, August 18<sup>th</sup>** – At 13:56, Auburn Fire Engine 1284 and Auburn Battalion Chief 1217, responded with CALFIRE to a vegetation fire. The fire appears to be a roadside start. Due to the aggressive fire attack of E1284, the fire spread was limited and no injuries report. 0.3 acres in total burned.

Incident Command: Chief Zaucha, B1217

Auburn Fire Personnel: (C-Shift) 4  
 Automatic / Mutual Aid: 8 Resources  
 Total Personnel: 17 excluding law  
 Fire Cause: Undetermined

**Vegetation Fire**

**Perry Ranch Road, August 26<sup>th</sup>** – At 12:44 a high level vegetation fire dispatch was initiated to the area of 550 Perry Ranch Road for a fire that was rapidly spreading and threatening multiple structures. Engines 1285 and 1284 performed incredible structure defense and B1216 established unified command with CAL FIRE B2313, APD, and PCSO. APD was quick and thorough with evacuation notifications, Public Works was efficient with road closures, and Transit Manager Mengil Deane had bus drivers staged at the ready to evacuate neighborhoods. The fire was contained to 8 acres with no structures damaged.

Incident Command: Chief D’Ambrogi B1216, unified with CAL FIRE  
 Auburn Fire Personnel: (B-Shift) 7  
 Automatic / Mutual Aid: 39 Resources  
 Fire Cause: Under Investigation

**Prevention: Yearly Totals**

**Vegetation Management**

Complaint Generated Parcels	Complaint Parcels Evaluated	Parcels Notified	Compliance	Pending w/Action Started	Compliance %	Acres Treated
42	42	41	17	25	40%	42.5

**Wildland Urban Interface Mailers**

Mailers Sent	Mailers Received	In Compliance	Need Follow Up
3515	761	600	161

**Business Inspections**

State Mandated	Properties Inspected	In Compliance	Pending Re-Inspection	Total Inspection Hours	Plans Reviewed	Burn Permits Issued
71	56	40	16	49	18	197

## Operations

### Training: Bi-monthly

Total Trainings Completed	Total Hours of Training	JAC Reimbursable Hours	Trainings Provided to Community	Certifications Achieved by Staff
550	1236	1099.5	0	5

### Incidents: Yearly Totals

2020 Running Incident Total	Fire	Over-Pressure	EMS/Rescue	Hazmat	Service Call	Good Intent	False Call	Natural Disaster	Other	Total
1/1/20 – 8/31/20	46	5	879	25	88	226	87	2	2	1360

### Public Education: Yearly Totals

Community Events	Station Tours	School Safety Programs	Structure Ignition Assessments	Number of Adult Participants	Number of Child Participants	Public Education Hours
9	4	0	16	1689	188	76.50

- July 1<sup>st</sup> – Battalion Chief Zaucha attended the monthly Auburn Aviation Association meeting.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – E1284 and E1285 supported the Old Town Auburn 4<sup>th</sup> of July event while observing all COVID-19 social distancing protocols. B1215, E1284, and E1285 patrolled various neighborhoods for firework use throughout the city and provided multiple citizens with education.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> – Captain Rogers with Engine 1285 and Captain Meier with Engine 1284 participated in a birthday parade with CAL FIRE for a resident.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – Captain Bowers and Engine 1284 provided a south Auburn home owner’s association fire hydrant education.
- July 26<sup>th</sup> – Captain Rogers and Engine 1285 participated in a birthday parade at Alta Vista School for an Auburn resident.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Captain Davis and Engine 1285 participated in a birthday parade for an Auburn resident.
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – Captain Bowers oversaw the annual fire extinguisher maintenance at the Auburn Airport and distributed flyers regarding the new digital complaint form regarding airport related issues.

- August 10<sup>th</sup> – Captain Davis and Engine 1285 provided individual fire safety and emergency evacuation education to a resident.
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Battalion Chief D’Ambrogi attended the Auburn Aviation Association Airport Advisory Committee (5AC) and discussed how Auburn Fire Department is taking an active role in assisting with mitigating incidents that occur at the Auburn Airport.
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Battalion Chief D’Ambrogi participated in a meeting with the Placer County Resource Conservation District regarding phase two of the Auburn Shaded Fuel Break (ASFB). The ASFB phase two is scheduled to start on October 1<sup>st</sup> and be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> – Captain Croft provided individual education to a resident regarding fire extinguisher use, safety, and procedures for discarding used extinguishers.
- August 21<sup>st</sup> – Captain Davis educated an aspiring firefighter who was looking for information on starting a career in the Fire Service.
- August 28<sup>th</sup> – Captain Davis and E1285 provided fire safety and egress education to a resident of Robie Point.
- August 31<sup>st</sup> – Captain Croft educated young aspiring firefighters in a “Q and A” format who called regarding how to start a career in the Fire Service.