

Auburn Fire Department

Bi-Monthly Executive Summary

July - August 2021

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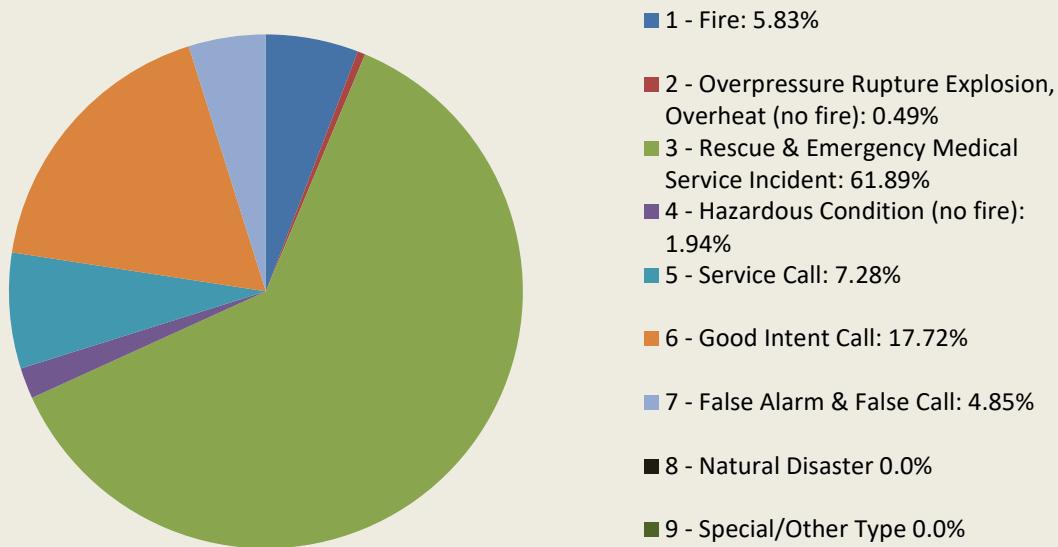
Current ISO Rating: 3

News & Events

- Fuel Reduction:** The Auburn Fire Department received \$49,500 in grant funding from the Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project towards fuel reduction efforts, to be used in the Auburn Bluffs Vintage Oaks open space. In a collaborative effort with the Auburn Bluffs HOA the entire 40-acre parcel is slated to be cleared later this fall.
- New Hires:** Several new members have been added to the Auburn Fire team: Captain Matt Jelle, Captain Greg Kirk, Firefighter Nathan Bozin, Firefighter James Murphy, and Firefighter Kyle Murchison.
- Backup Generators:** Fire station 2 and 3 now have backup generators installed and ready for service thanks to a grant by PG&E.

Update on Response

Bi-Monthly Incident Summary	Fire	Over-Pressure	EMS/Rescue	Hazmat	Service Call	Good Intent	False Call	Natural Disaster	Other	Total
7/1/21 – 8/31/21	24	2	255	8	30	73	20	0	0	412



2021 Running Incident Total	Fire	Over-Pressure	EMS/Rescue	Hazmat	Service Call	Good Intent	False Call	Natural Disaster	Other	Total
1/1/21 – 8/31/21	79	8	922	32	97	245	77	0	2	1462

Significant Emergency Incidents

OUTSIDE STORAGE FIRE

Stadium Incident, July 4th – At 11:55pm, Auburn Fire units responded to a fire in the rear parking lot of Placer High School off stadium way and found an outside storage area containing tables, chairs, desks, pallets, tires, etc. to be on fire with a small amount of vegetation involved. Engine 1285 was able to stop the fire before it extended into a nearby storage building and miscellaneous vehicles. CAL FIRE assisted with water supply and mop up. Auburn Fire investigated the fire, and the cause was undetermined.

Incident Command: Chief D'Ambrogi, B1216
Auburn Fire Personnel: (B-Shift) 5
Automatic / Mutual Aid: 6 Fire Personnel (CAL FIRE)
Fire Cause: Undetermined

VEGETATION FIRE

Nevada Incident, July 25th – At 12:22pm, Auburn Fire along with CAL FIRE responded to a reported vegetation fire off Nevada Street. Battalion 1217 Zaucha and Engine 1285 arrived to find a fire burning in between Collins Drive and the railroad tracks. Resources extinguished the fire and contained it to .6 acres. CAL FIRE prevention 2322 believes the fire to be human caused due to its location; however, the device that started the fire was undetermined.

Incident Command: Chief Zaucha B1217
Auburn Fire Personnel: (C-Shift) 5
Automatic / Mutual Aid: 25 Fire Personnel
Fire Cause: Undetermined

STRUCTURE FIRE WITH VEGETATION

Humbug Incident, August 16th – At 9:42am, Auburn Fire was dispatched to a reported vegetation fire on Humbug Way. While en route, the incident was upgraded to a structure fire. Battalion 1215 arrived in the area and determined the incident was located at 10805 Engle Lane, just outside the city limits in the Newcastle Fire Protection District. Fire resources arrived and found a fully involved single-wide mobile home with extension into the vegetation. Battalion 1215 assumed command and both Auburn engines initiated an aggressive fire attack and held the fire to the structure and small spot of vegetation. Battalion 1215 transferred command to Placer Hills Battalion 84.

Incident Command: Chief Rogers B1215 & Placer Hills B84 Chief Nelson
Auburn Fire Personnel: (A-Shift) 7
Automatic / Mutual Aid: 25 Fire Personnel
Fire Cause: Under Investigation

COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

Earhart Incident, August 18th – At 10:13pm, Auburn Fire resources with numerous automatic aid resources responded to a commercial structure fire at 12745 Earhart Avenue. Fire crews arrived to find a significant amount of fire on an exterior wall threatening the structure and heavy smoke conditions interior. An aggressive fire attack and several sprinkler heads inside the structure limited the fire spread. Even with quick knockdown of the fire, significant amounts of smoke spread throughout the structure. Fire crews spent several hours removing the smoke.

Incident Command: CAL FIRE Chief Furtado, B318 & Chief Zaucha B1217
Auburn Fire Personnel: (C-Shift) 6
Automatic / Mutual Aid: 40 Fire Personnel
Fire Cause: Cause still under investigation

Prevention: Yearly Totals

Business Inspections

State Mandated	Properties Inspected	In Compliance	Pending Re-Inspection	Total Inspection Hours	Plans Reviewed	Burn Permits Issued
71	27	24	5	13	21	194

Vegetation Management

Complaint Generated Parcels	Complaint Parcels Evaluated	Parcels Notified	Compliance	Pending w/Action Started	Compliance %	Acres Treated
34	34	34	26	8	76%	94

Operations:

Training: Bi-monthly

Total Trainings Completed	Total Hours of Training	JAC Reimbursable Hours	Trainings Provided to Community	Certifications Achieved by Staff
152	255	230	0	2

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
13	2	1	6	1,346	127	50

- July 2nd – Structure ignition assessment at 266 Electric Street
- July 3rd – B-Shift Personnel organized a final send off for a young boy who tragically passed away that was fascinated with fire engines. Our fire apparatus along with 6 neighboring agency apparatus escorted the hearse and the boy's family from Lassila Funeral Chapel to Interstate 80.
- July 4th – Engineer Bennett assisted the California State Fire Marshal with the annual inspection of the Fireworks Show at the Gold Country Fairgrounds.
- July 7th – Chief Zaucha attended the monthly Auburn Aviation Association meeting via zoom.
- July 10th – Chief D'Ambrogi continued to work with the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council on their Red Flag Program.
- July 16th – Chief D'Ambrogi toured all the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks within the City of Auburn with a representative from UPRR for vegetation management purposes.
- July 26th – Chief Spencer, Chief Zaucha, along with Rohde & Associates and various community members began planning for Wildland Urban Interface evacuation and tactical pre-plans. This is part of an ongoing process.
- August 3rd – Captain Croft and Engine Company attended National night out, where the community was able to support and greet our first responders.
- August 12th – PCWA's annual "Fire and Water" magazine published this August featured stories on Auburn City Fire Department's Goat Grazing Fuel Reduction Project, as well as Fire-Wise, Water-Wise Landscaping at the Maidu Fire Station. Link to the full publication [here](#)!
- August 20th – Structure ignition assessment at the Auburn Woods Condominium Complex.
- August 25th – Chief Zaucha along with PCWA hosted a webinar on Firewise/Waterwise plants. The recording will also be posted on the City's and PCWA's website for future viewing.