



Groveland Community Services District Fire Department / CALFIRE

18966 Ferretti Road Groveland, CA 95321

Staff Report
August 13, 2019

To: Board of Directors

From: Andy Murphy, Assistant Chief
By: Jude R. Acosta, Battalion Chief

Subject: Monthly Activity Report – July 1, 2019 to August 4, 2019

Operations:

Emergency Incident Response:

On July 7, 2019, Groveland Fire responded to a phone in report of a possible vegetation fire around Elder Lane and Pine Mountain Drive. Once in the area, fire crews noticed light smoke in the woods between Ferretti Road and Elder Lane. A full wildland dispatch was initiated and additional CAL FIRE and Tuolumne County Fire equipment responded. Upon arrival, there was a ¼ acre of timber understory and ground litter burning at a slow rate of spread. Fire crews aggressively attacked the fire containing it immediately. The cause of the fire is determined to be an unattended campfire in a homeless encampment.

On July 10, 2019, Groveland Fire responded to bicycle accident at the Pine Mountain Clubhouse. Upon arriving at scene, fire crews located a person down in the roadway. The bike rider was traveling down the road toward the clubhouse and was ejected from the bicycle after hitting a speedbump. He was unresponsive with major injuries to his head. Our firefighters provided care, stabilized the patient, packaged, and loaded him in the waiting ambulance. The patient was transported to the PML Airport landing zone and flown by air ambulance to Doctor's Hospital in Modesto. Unfortunately, the patient succumbed to his injuries later that day.

On July 16, 2019, CAL FIRE and Groveland Fire responded to a two-vehicle traffic accident at Highway 120 X Cherry Lake Road. Upon arriving at scene, there were two vehicles with major damage to their passenger side blocking Highway 120. All patients self-extricated with one requiring medical treatment for a possible broken collar bone. The patient was packaged and loaded to the waiting ambulance. Once loaded the patient was then transported by paramedics to Adventist Health Sonora for further evaluation.

On July 26, 2019, CAL FIRE and Groveland Fire responded to a vehicle fire into the vegetation at the base of Old Priest Grade in the community of Moccasin. Upon arrival, there was ¼ acre of grass and brush burning at a moderate rate of spread uphill. Fire crews kept the fire below the Hetch Hetchy access road and out of the drainage to the north due to an aggressive initial attack, air support, and help from local cooperators protecting the communities of Groveland and Big Oak Flat. Final size of the fire was 2 acres and the cause of the fire is determined to be mechanical.



On August 3, 2019 CAL FIRE and USFS were dispatched to Merrell Pools in the Tuolumne Canyon for a rafter with a broken ankle. Upon arriving at scene, firefighters received an updated location that the patient was at the Lumsden Bridge. Crews drove as far as they could and hiked in bringing the stokes basket and rescue gear. They located the patient on the south side of the bridge. Due to the patient's severe injuries, CAL FIRE Copter 404 was requested with hoisting capabilities. Copter 404 performed the hoist rescue and transported the patient to the Buck Meadows Landing Zone to Air Ambulance Med-42. The patient was assessed and transported to Doctor's Hospital in Modesto for further evaluation.



On August 2, 2019, CAL FIRE and Groveland Fire responded to a two-vehicle traffic accident on Highway 120 X Whites Gulch. Upon arriving on scene, there was a two-vehicle traffic accident with a violent rear impact blocking Highway 120. There were two patients with moderate injuries. One patient was transported by Mercy Ambulance out of Coulterville to Adventist Health Sonora for evaluation. The other patient was transported to the Moccasin landing zone and flown by air ambulance to Doctor's Hospital in Modesto for further evaluation.

On August 3, 2019, CAL FIRE and Groveland Fire responded to a traffic on New Priest Grade east of Grizzly Road. The first unit to arrive at scene found a Honda Civic approximately 200 feet down the embankment. The patient self-extricated and had minor injuries. The patient was transported to Adventist Hospital Sonora for further evaluation.

Vegetation Management Prescribed Burn:

On July 3, 2019, CAL FIRE conducted a prescribed burn on the Crook Ranch Vegetation Management Program (VMP). The 80-acre prescribed burn will benefit the watershed, improve rangeland by reducing Medussahead grass, a noxious weed, as well as provide protection from wildland fire in the communities of Groveland and Big Oak Flat. CAL FIRE is emphasizing fire prevention and fuels treatment to reach the goal to reduce the chance of large damaging wildfires like the 2018 Camp Fire. Additional VMP programs are scheduled in the fall for the Gookin VMP and the remainder of the Crook Ranch VMP.

Apparatus and Equipment:

Apparatus	Description	Status
Engine 781	2009 Pierce Contender	Out of Service (Electrical)
Engine 787	2000 Freightliner FL112	In Service
Engine 788	1984 GMC Wildcat	In Service
Engine 513	2003 International	In Service (Reserve)
Utility 786	2008 Chevrolet 2500	In Service

Training:

In addition to our monthly Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) curriculum and engine company performance standards, Battalion personnel received the following specialized training:

- Terrorism-Weapons of Mass Destruction Awareness
- Structure and Wildland Fire Operations
- Defensive Driver
- Hose Deployment and Management
- S-212 Wildland Fire saws

MONTH - July 2019



Alarm Sounding	3
Odor Investigation	0
Debris Fire	0
Medical Aid	31
Fire Menace Standby	1
Fire Other	0
Haz Mat	0
Landing Zone	1
Plane/Heli Crash	0
Public Assist	4
Smoke Check	2
Structure Fire	0
Commercial Structure Fire	0
Vegetation Fire	2
Vehicle Accident	8
Vehicle Accident/Pin In	0
Vehicle Fire	0
TOTAL	52

(44 calls in GCSD district, 8 calls in Tuolumne County)

Auto Aid	Given
Tuolumne County	8

Last Call Logged Run # TCU 009246