

**Groveland Community Services District  
Fire Department / CALFIRE**

18966 Ferretti Road Groveland, CA 95321

Staff Report

November 10, 2020

To: Board of Directors

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

Subject: Monthly Activity Report – October 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020

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**Operations:**

**Emergency Incident Response:**

On October 1, 2020 Groveland Fire responded to a smoke check in the area of Pine Mountain Lake Drive and Ridgecrest Way. Upon arrival, crews found billowing white smoke coming from a burn barrel at 20000 block of Pine Mountain Drive. The responsible party was cleaning up the area and burning the pine needles. Firefighter's advised the person that burn barrels are illegal in Tuolumne County and burning during burning suspension is not permitted. They extinguished the debris fire preventing any spread. The cause of the fire is intentional debris burning in a barrel.

On October 16, 2020 CAL FIRE and Groveland Fire units responded to a reported vegetation fire in the area of Second Garrotte Ridge Road and Merrell Road. Fire units had difficulty locating the fire due to heavy smoke in the area. They were able to narrow down the location from the reporting party and found a 20' x 20' burn pile smoldering at 19188 Second Garrotte Ridge Road. Fire crews quickly extinguished the fire preventing any further extension into the wildland. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

On October 27, 2020 CAL FIRE and Groveland Fire responded to a reported extinguished structure fire at 18763 Foote Street. Upon arrival, there was no smoke or fire visible coming from the structure. After further investigation, fire crews located an extinguished fire on the exterior siding of the home that had been extinguished by the resident. Fire crews mopped up and with the thermal imaging camera checked for extension. The cause of the fire is improper disposal of hot ashes.

**Apparatus and Equipment:**

Apparatus	Description	Status
Engine 781	2009 Pierce Contender	In Service
Engine 787	2000 Freightliner FL112	In Service
Engine 783	1995 International Model 15	In Service
Utility 786	2008 Chevrolet 2500	In Service

Engine 783 was placed in service and Engine 788 is no longer 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:

- Area Orientation
- Multi-purpose Device (MPD)
- Hose Loads
- Hose Deployment and Management
- Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL)
- Vegetation Management Plan (VMP)
- Emergency Evacuation Pre-planning
- New Scott Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

**Public Education:**

Groveland Fire participated in the Annual Trunk or Treat festivities while maintaining social distancing on Halloween night. Children of all ages were provided a safe area to trick or treat in downtown Groveland. Our firefighters provided candy to the costumed Trick or Treaters and the fire engine was on display to show the equipment carried and capabilities. Everyone had a great time with no incidents.

**Grants:**

The FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant of 2019 in the amount of \$554,091 awarded 96 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus' (SCBA) to GCSD, County Fire, and Jamestown FPD. This month the SCBAs were placed into service. Groveland Fire has received (12) brand new Scott X3, 4500 psi, (12) AV 3000 masks, and (24) 4500 psi carbon wrapped spare bottles. The FEMA AFG Grant was written by Fire Captain Travis Chunn. All SCBA's are now up to current NFPA 1981 standards. The awarded grant value to the GCSD was over \$75,000 in which the District was required to pay 10%, and allows the seamless use with CAL FIRE, which has had these same SCBAs since 2018. The cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE allowed us to utilize the State contract pricing, which ultimately resulted in a savings of over \$250,000 on the total cost of all 96 SCBAs.



**MONTH - October 2020**

**STATION 78**

Alarm Sounding	1
Odor Investigation	1
Debris Fire	1
Medical Aid	33
Fire Menace Standby	0
Fire Other	0
Haz Mat	0
Landing Zone	0
Plane/Heli Crash	0
Public Assist	6
Smoke Check	1
Structure Fire	1
Commercial Structure Fire	0
Vegetation Fire	1
Vehicle Accident	4
Vehicle Accident/Pin in	0
Vehicle Fire	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>



Auto Aid	Given
Tuolumne County	3

(46 calls in GCSD district, 3 calls in Tuolumne County)

January 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 = 502 incidents.

January 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 = 474 incidents.

**Last Call Logged Run # TCU 012440**

