

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

18966 Ferretti Road Groveland, CA 95321

Staff Report  
June 9, 2020

To: Board of Directors

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

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

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**Operations:**

**Emergency Incident Response:**

On May 6, 2020, the Groveland Forest Fire Station noticed a small column of smoke in the general vicinity of Deer Flat Road adjacent to GCSD property. Engine 4476 and Groveland Fire units responded to the smoke check, once in the area they located the fire and immediately augmented the dispatch to a full wildland dispatch. Upon arrival, there was a ¼ acre of brush burning at a slow rate of spread in a homeless encampment. Fire crews contained the fire immediately preventing any additional spread. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

On May 9, 2020 CAL FIRE and Groveland fire units responded to a vegetation fire in the area of Merrell Road and Second Garrote. Upon arriving at scene, there was a 1/2 of an acre of brush burning downhill at a slow rate of spread onto the neighboring property. There was no person in attendance and fire crews aggressively attacked the fire, preventing any additional spread. The cause of the fire was determined to be an unattended escaped burn pile.

**Apparatus and Equipment:**

Apparatus	Description	Status
Engine 781	2009 Pierce Contender	In Service
Engine 787	2000 Freightliner FL112	In Service
Engine 788	1984 GMC Wildcat	In Service
Utility 786	2008 Chevrolet 2500	In Service

**Fuel Reduction:**

Crooks Logging has started masticating the initial segment of the awarded CCI Grant. The expected outcome is to have continuous fuel reduction strategically placed in locations within GCSD property to protect infrastructure while protecting the Groveland community. This will assist in controlling large fires primarily where they provide additional access for firefighting activities, ultimately increasing initial attack success. This fuel reduction should serve to allow firefighters to work safely in the area; to change fire direction; to drop fire to the ground; and to stop the spread of wildfire under adverse fire conditions. Mitigating fire risk to the communities is a priority of the District.



**Training:**

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

- Hose Deployment and Management
- Fire Attack
- Low Angle Rope Rescue Operations
- Multi-Purpose Device (MPD) Training
- Vehicle Extrication

**Announcement:**

Congratulations to Rich Shade on his promotion to Fire Captain in the Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit. Rich has served the Groveland Community for over four years and has been instrumental in several key programs. We wish him well and good luck in his new assignment. His replacement will be Fire Apparatus Engineer Brendan Dempsey who brings many years of valuable experience and be a great addition to Groveland Fire.

**MONTH - May 2020**

**STATION 78**

Alarm Sounding	0
Odor Investigation	0
Debris Fire	0
Medical Aid	30
Fire Menace Standby	0
Fire Other	0
Haz Mat	0
Landing Zone	1
Plane/Heli Crash	0
Public Assist	8
Smoke Check	2
Structure Fire	0
Commercial Structure Fire	0
Vegetation Fire	2
Vehicle Accident	1
Vehicle Accident/Pin in	0
Vehicle Fire	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>

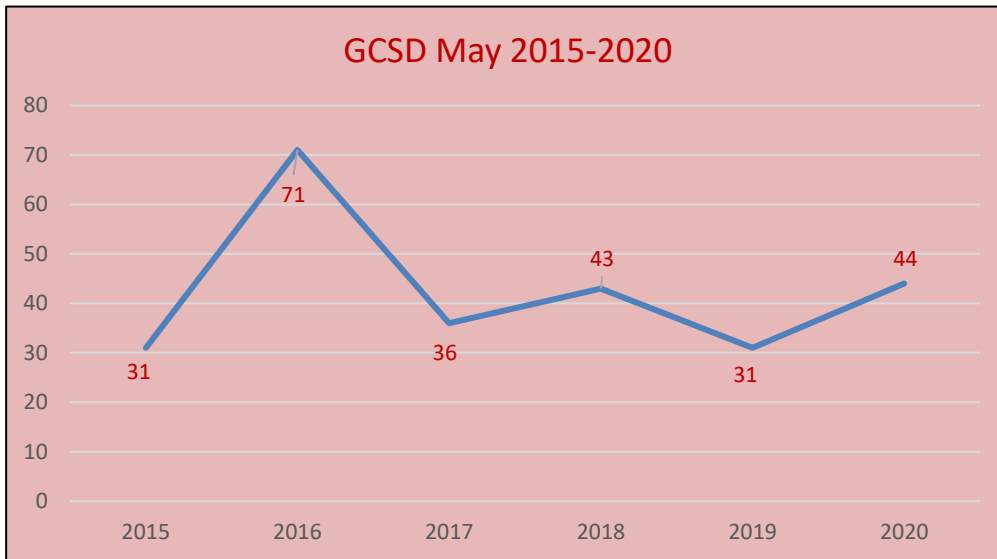


Auto Aid	Given
Tuolumne County	3

(41 calls in GCSJ district, 3 calls in Tuolumne County)

2020 Year to date calls 1/1/20 to 5/31/20 = 222 incidents

2019 Year to date calls 1/1/19 to 5/31/19 = 223 incidents



		2015	31
		2016	71
		2017	36
		2018	43
		2019	31
		2020	44
2018			
2019	223		
2020	222		