Tuolumne County Fire Department

"At-A-Glance"



August 2023

Tuolumne County Fire Department

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Tuolumne County Fire Department Call Totals

August 2023

Incident Totals:

Total Incidents: 749

Medical Aids: 511

Structure Fires: 16

Vegetation Fires: 17

Other Type Fires: 71

Hazardous Conditions: 25

Other Incident Types: 109

Tuolumne County Station Call Totals:

Mono Village Station 51: 195

Ponderosa Hills Station 53: 14

Long Barn Station 54: 9 calls run by other stations

Pinecrest Station 55: 13

Mono Vista Station 56: 69

Phoenix Lake Station 57: Calls absorbed by other stations

Cedar Ridge Station 58: 11

Chinese Camp Station 61: 37

Don Pedro Station 64: 15

Jamestown Station 76: 160

Groveland Station 63/78: 77

Columbia Station 74: 63 calls ran by Station 79 personnel

Columbia College Station 79: 86

Prevention Division:

Plans Reviews: 33

Inspections: 47

^{**}Incident totals include incidents that the fire station was dispatched to, and may have been automatic aid to other agencies through the Tuolumne County Automatic Aid Agreement**

Significant Incidents

8/7/2023

On Monday, August 7th Tuolumne County Fire Department Engine 761 from the Jamestown Station was dispatched to a Medical Aid for a juvenile patient suffering from difficulty breathing. E-761 arrived to find the patient in severe respiratory distress, gasping for air and unable to speak any words at all. The crew from E-761 recognized the urgency of the situation and utilized their Epinephrine Auto-Injector in an effort to treat the patient. Within approximately 10 minutes the patient found relief and was able to speak clearly in short



sentences. The Tuolumne County Fire Department recently began carrying Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, also known as "Epi-Pens" as part of an Advanced Scope of Care for Emergency Medical Technicians. This advanced level of care ensures that our crews are able to consistently provide the best level of care to the communities that we serve.



8/13/2023

On Saturday, August 12th at approximately 3:46 PM the Tuolumne County Fire Department responded with resources from the CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit and Sierra Conservation Center Fire responded to a vehicle fire in the area of Highway 120 and Sims Road near the community of Chinese Camp. On arrival, firefighters found a passenger vehicle fully involved with a small vegetation fire on one side and the fire had just ignited the grass on the other side of the road. Quick action by the firefighters contained the small grass fires and the vehicle fire.

8/23/2023

On Wednesday, August 23rd at approximately 5:00 PM the Tuolumne County Fire Department responded along with resources from the Groveland Community Services District Fire Department and the CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit to a reported vehicle fire on Old Highway 120 near the community of Groveland. Resources arrived to find a single passenger vehicle fully involved with fire that was immediately threatening a residential structure along with nearby vegetation. A coordinated aggressive attack by firefighters quickly contained the fire to the vehicle of origin and prevented the fire from spreading. No injuries were reported and what caused the vehicle to catch fire remains under investigation.





8/25/2023

On Friday, August 25th at approximately 11:30 AM the Tuolumne County Fire Department responded with resources from the CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, Modesto Fire Department and Tuolumne County Ambulance responded to a report of a single vehicle accident on Highway 108 near Rushing Mountain Lookout Road. On arrival, firefighters reported a single vehicle overturned with one patient requiring extrication along with another four patients out of the vehicle. After successfully extricating the patient in the vehicle, two



patients were transported by ground ambulance to a nearby LZ to be flown by helicopter to a Trauma Center in the Central Valley. The additional three patients were transported by ground ambulance to a local area hospital.



8/26/2023

On Saturday, August 26th at approximately 12:50 PM Tuolumne County Fire Department Engine 761 responded with CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit Engine 4486, Sierra Conservation Center Fire Engine 5810, and Tuolumne County Ambulance to a vehicle accident on Highway 108 near the Keystone Ranch. Resources arrived to find a single vehicle off the roadway and a single patient with moderate injuries. The patient was

stabilized and scene and transported via ground ambulance to a local landing zone. The patient was flown by air ambulance to a Trauma Center in the Central Valley.

8/27/2023

On Sunday, August 27th during the afternoon hours, Tuolumne County Fire Department resources responded with the CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit and the Sierra Conservation Center Fire Department to a reported vegetation fire on O'Byrne's Ferry Road near Sierra Conservation Center. First arriving units found approximately ½ acre of grass burning at a moderate rate of spread. Due to challenging winds, the rate of spread increased to a rapid rate and caused the fire activity to pick up bringing more resources to the scene. After strong work by all crews involved the fire was brought under control after charring approximately 60 acres. No injuries were reported and the cause remains under investigation.





8/31/2023

At approximately 3:00 PM on August 31st, the Tuolumne County Fire Department responded with resources from the Tuolumne Fire Protection District, Tuolumne Rancheria Fire Department, Twain Harte Community Services District Fire Department, and the CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit to a reported residential structure fire in the area of Isom Lane and Woodham Carne Road near the community of Tuolumne City. First arriving resources found an approximately 12,000 square foot, 2-story residential structure with a running attack fire along with a room and contents fire. Multiple personnel mounted a coordinated, aggressive interior attack along with vertical ventilation on the fire and were able to confine the fire to the structure of origin. This incident shows how cooperative agreements between agencies within Tuolumne County are effective in keeping our communities safe. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.



Fire Department News

8/19/2023

On Saturday, August 19th, Tuolumne County Fire Department deployed Engine 553 to the Shasta National Forest in Northern California as part of a strike team to help battle the South Fork Complex of fires that resulted from lightning. Engine 553 is one of 5 engines in the strike team along with resources from the Tuolumne Fire Protection District, Twain Harte Community Services Fire Department, Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District, Bear Valley Fire Department, and a Battalion Chief from the Amador Fire Protection District as the strike team leader. The engine is staffed with a Fire Captain and two Firefighters and is expected to complete a 21-day assignment before returning home.





8/26/2023

On Saturday, August 26th Tuolumne County Fire Department Engine 631 and Groveland Community Services District Engine 781 assisted the Groveland Area Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with their "Focus on Fire" training. Fire Department personnel assisted the CERT team with training members on fire safety and response, Firefighter rehab, and other supplies and services that may be used. CERT members got the opportunity to tour the engines and get a feel for the



equipment firefighters use as well as the chance to try on the turnout gear that firefighters use when fighting fires. We are thankful for the CERT members and appreciate the services and support that they provide for us.

Special Announcements

Grant Award Announcement

On August 2nd, 2023, the Tuolumne County Fire Department was notified that we had been awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the California Fire Foundation. The Tuolumne County Fire Department was one of the few Fire Departments out of 243 that submitted for grant funding for this cycle who was chosen to receive funding and we are grateful to the Foundation for selecting us. This grant requires no matching funds from Tuolumne County and will allow us to purchase Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC's) and handheld radios to ensure our firefighters have the best equipment available to serve our community.







Employee Announcements

The Tuolumne County Fire Department would like to recognize and congratulate Kim on her reclassification from Assistant to Department Head to Staff Services Analyst 1 effective August 27th. We could not function without Kim's wealth of knowledge and experience and look forward to seeing what the future holds. Congratulations Kim and thank you for all that you do!

Community Events



Fire Prevention Week 2023

The Tuolumne County Fire Department will be hosting an open house in support of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign at our Tuolumne County Fire Department Station 56 Mono Vista on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The address of the Fire Station is 16925 Mono Vista Road, Sonora, CA 95370. We encourage the community to come out and meet your County Firefighters, County OES and the County CERT, see the equipment, and tour the Fire Station!



To find out more about FPW programs and activities in Tuolumne County, please contact the Tuolumne County Fire Department at 209-533-5118. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week visit www.fpw.org. For fire safety fun for kids, visit sparky.org.