Tuolumne County Fire Department

"At-A-Glance"



September 2023

Tuolumne County Fire Department

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Tuolumne County Fire Department Call Totals

September 2023

Incident Totals:

Total Incidents: 819

Medical Aids: 582

Structure Fires: 6

Vegetation Fires: 32

Other Type Fires: 71

Hazardous Conditions: 38

Other Incident Types: 90

Tuolumne County Station Call Totals:

Mono Village Station 51: 278

Ponderosa Hills Station 53: 13

Long Barn Station 54: 9

Pinecrest Station 55: 21

Mono Vista Station 56: 89

Phoenix Lake Station 57: Calls absorbed by other Stations

Cedar Ridge Station 58: 19

Chinese Camp Station 61: 33

Don Pedro Station 64: 12

Jamestown Station 76: 157

Groveland Station 63/78: 58

Columbia Station 74: 47 calls ran by Station 79 personnel

Columbia College Station 79: 83

Prevention Division:

Plans Reviews: 34

Inspections: 165

^{**}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

9/10/2023

At approximately 7:30 PM Tuolumne County
Fire Department resources responded with the
CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, CHP
Sonora, and Manteca District Ambulance
Tuolumne Division to a vehicle accident with
extrication required on Highway 49 near
Tuttletown. Jamestown Engine 761 arrived at
scene to find a single vehicle on its side with a
confirmed pin-in and went to work stabilizing
the vehicle and providing patient care while
waiting for additional resources to arrive at



scene. Once more resources arrived the patient was successfully extricated from the vehicle in less than 7 minutes from Engine 761 arriving at scene. The patient was transported by air ambulance to a trauma center in the central valley.

9/11/2023

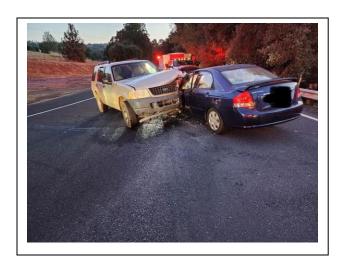
At approximately 4:50 AM resources from the Tuolumne County Fire Department responded with the CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, Sierra Conservation Center Fire Department, and a water tender from the Altaville-Melones Fire District responded to the Mile Incident vegetation fire in the area of Highway 108 and Tulloch Road west of the community of Jamestown. Resources arrived to find 1-2 acres of grass burning at a slow rate of spread. Resources quickly worked to contain the fire at 9.14 acres. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.





9/11/2023

At approximately 6:00 AM while responding to the Mile Incident, CAL FIRE Dozer 4442 came across a two-vehicle accident in the area of Highway 49 and Rawhide Road. Dozer 4442 requested a vehicle accident response and immediately began caring for two patients who had moderate injuries. Resources responding included Tuolumne County Fire Department Engine 791 and Breathing Support 795



along with the Sonora City Fire Department, Manteca District Ambulance-Tuolumne Division and CHP.

9/18/2023

At approximately 11:30 AM, Tuolumne County Fire Department Engine 631 was dispatched along with Groveland Community Services District Engine 781 and Manteca District Ambulance to a vehicle accident on Smith Station Road near the County line. Resources arrived to find a single vehicle that had been towing a jeep off the roadway with major damage to both vehicles. A single patient was discovered



with minor injuries, and after assessment refused transport to the hospital. Both fire resources provided traffic control for CHP until a tow truck was able to remove the damaged vehicles.

9/19/2023

At approximately 6:00 PM Tuolumne County Fire Department Engines 902 and 561 responded to a roll-over vehicle accident at the intersection of Mono Way and Highway 108 near the Ford dealership. When resources arrived they discovered two vehicles involved with one that had rolled over onto its roof. All of the patients involved in the accident self-extricated from the vehicles prior to resources arriving at scene and had minor to no injuries. Fire resources provided traffic control for CHP until a tow truck was able to clear the roadway.



Fire Department News

9/16/2023

On Saturday, September 16th Tuolumne County Fire Department Engine 631 and Groveland Community Services District Engine 781 participated in the Annual 49er Festival and Parade in Groveland. Both engines proudly appeared in the parade and then staffed a booth in order to meet members of the community and educate them on fire safety. We are proud to serve the citizens and County of Tuolumne.



Special Announcements

Remembrances

As is done every year on September 12th, at 1:44 pm, the San Andreas Emergency Command Center alerted all Tuolumne and Calaveras fire facilities to observe one minute of silence and fly flags at half-staff in honor and memory of our CAL FIRE Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit fallen Firefighter Eva Schicke who died in the line of duty on September 12, 2004. Firefighter Schicke was a member of the elite Columbia Helitack Copter 404 crew. The crew was called to fight the Tuolumne Fire in the Stanislaus National Forest. When the crew arrived, seven members were dropped off, and



two members remained with the helicopter to begin water drops. Firefighters established safety zones and began their descent into a steep canyon. The fire was moving up the canyon away from them and had displayed mild behavior at this point in the incident. While they were working, a wind shift blew the fire toward the crew. With only moments to react due to the speed of the fire, firefighters were forced to run to their safety zones. Firefighter Schicke and another firefighter attempted to run uphill to the roadside safety zone. The first firefighter made it to safety; the fire overran Firefighter Schicke before she could reach the safety of the road. Firefighter Schicke was the first



female CDF (now CAL FIRE) firefighter to be killed in the line of duty. Our hearts will forever be bruised by the loss of our sister Eva. She remains a constant thought and we will continue to honor her and our other local brothers and sisters lost in the line of duty by performing our duties with the utmost excellence always.

September 11th Memorial



Communities throughout the nation paused on September 11th to pay tribute to the victims and heroes of the Nation's worst terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. Throughout the County firefighters remember the 343 FDNY firefighters who died in the line of duty and the more than 200 workers from the World Trade Center site who have died from the aftereffects of working on that hallowed ground along with the almost 3,000 other individuals who perished on that fateful day. May we Never Forget.



New Apparatus

In Fiscal Year 2021, the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of two new water tenders through a combination of the American Rescue Plan Act funding and from funds out of the General Fund directed to the fire fund. In May 2022 these two beauties were ordered and we're happy to say they have arrived!



Water tenders are a vital part of rural fire protection as a steady water supply is not always available. The TCFD water tender fleet affords us the ability to transport and supply large volumes of water to all types of fires throughout the county for all agencies and are staffed by our on-call volunteer firefighters. These new water tenders are built by Midwest Fire from Luverne, Minnesota and are based on a Freightliner cab and chassis, hold 3,000 gallons of water and will pump 500 gallons per minute. These will replace two million-mile water tenders that are over 30 years old and, after radio installs and outfitting, will be stationed strategically in the county.

Employee Announcements

The Tuolumne County Fire Department would like to recognize and congratulate Jeff Santos on his promotion to Senior Fire Prevention Inspector. As part of the Fire Prevention Division Jeff provides a safer environment for the citizens of Tuolumne County by preventing the loss of life and property caused by fire or explosion through public education, the enforcement of fire codes, laws and County ordinances related to fire and life safety. Congratulations Jeff 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 am to 2 pm. 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, 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.