

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

18966 Ferretti Road Groveland, CA 95321

Staff Report
July 14, 2020

To: Board of Directors

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

Subject: Monthly Activity Report – June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020

Operations:

Emergency Incident Response:

On June 9, 2020 Groveland Fire and CAL FIRE units responded to a reported vehicle fire in the 20000 block of Pine Mountain Drive. Upon arrival, there was an extinguished fire in the back of the bed of a pick-up truck. The fire was contained by locals preventing any extension in the wildland.

On June 23, 2020, Engine 781 responded to Rainbow Pools for a possible drowning victim. Upon arriving at scene, our crews donned their Swift Water Rescue gear and attempted to locate the victim. Witnesses stated, the victim had fallen off a rock into the water and had not been seen for approximately thirty minutes. Engine 781 notified the Emergency Command Center and requested the TCSO Search and Rescue Team. Crews secured the area until the dive team arrived and they assisted with the recovery of the victim.

On June 23, 2020, Engine 781 and CAL FIRE units responded to a vegetation fire halfway up Old Priest Grade. Upon arriving at scene, there were two spots of grass extinguished by locals with fire extinguishers. The actions of the locals prevented a major incident. The cause of the fire is determined to be mechanical (backfire).



On June 23, 2020, CAL FIRE responded to an injury vehicle accident with a vegetation fire on Wards Ferry Road in the vicinity of the Deer Creek Bridge. Upon arrival, there was a truck teetering on the edge of the road with a 20' X 50' strip of grass that was extinguished by locals. The patient was located down the road with minor injuries and treated. Once again the quick actions of passerby's prevented a major incident in the community of Groveland and Tuolumne County if the fire got established in the Tuolumne River Drainage. The cause of the fire was determined to be caused by a traffic accident.



On June 24, 2020 Engine 781 and CAL FIRE units responded to a motor vehicle accident with extrication at Highway 120 X Catholic Cemetery Road. Upon arriving at scene, a CAL FIRE employee was on scene and had reported a single vehicle rollover with a patient with minor injuries, pinned-in. Our fire crews stabilized the vehicle and used the "Jaws of Life" to extricate the patient. The patient was extricated and packaged within 18 minutes and transported to Adventist Health in Sonora for further evaluation.

On June 24, 2020 Engine 781 and CAL FIRE units responded to a reported residential structure fire in the 19000 block of Vernal Drive. Upon arriving at scene, Engine 4476 reported a double wide mobile home with light smoke coming from the front. Fire crews were immediately contacted the reporting party reported the fire was out. After confirming the fire was extinguished, crews checked for extension behind the stove. The cause of the fire was determined to be food left on a stove unattended.

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

Fire Prevention:

Defensible Space Inspectors Sara Ruhl and Ben Campbell completed 122 defensible space inspections within the District, starting in the Big Oak Flat area working towards Groveland. The Defensible Space Inspectors were funded by the California Fire Foundation and supported by staff and the Board to ensure compliance with the Public Resources Code (PRC) 4291. Our Inspectors educate and inform residents how to create defensible space and harden their home to increase the chance of surviving a wildfire while also protecting the firefighters defending the home.

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
- Map Training
- Hydrant Changeover and Pump Operations
- Nozzle Operations and Fire Flow
- Water Rescue
- Vehicle Extrication

Announcement:

Congratulations to Kevin Siville on his transfer to the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit at the Winton Fire Station. Kevin's priority was to provide the highest level of service to the public and served the Groveland Community for over six years. He was instrumental in several key programs especially the Grant Writing Program. Kevin wrote several grants that saved the District tens of thousands of dollars in purchasing a new SCBA Fill Station, Personal Protective Gear, and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Kevin is a true firefighter at heart, and we wish him well in his new assignment.

His replacement will be Fire Captain Travis Chunn who has been with us as a Fire Apparatus Engineer since 2014. Travis' initiative, hard work, and diligence has prepared him well for this promotion. He brings over 18 years of valuable experience and will continue to lead, making a positive impact to the Department.

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STATION 78

Alarm Sounding	1
Odor Investigation	0
Debris Fire	0
Medical Aid	34
Fire Menace Standby	1
Fire Other	0
Haz Mat	0
Landing Zone	0
Plane/Heli Crash	0
Public Assist	6
Smoke Check	0
Structure Fire	1
Commercial Structure Fire	0
Vegetation Fire	2
Vehicle Accident	2
Vehicle Accident/Pin in	1
Vehicle Fire	2
TOTAL	50



Auto Aid	Given
Tuolumne County	4

(46 calls in GCSO district, 4 calls in Tuolumne County)

Last Call Logged Run # TCU 007187

2020 Incidents Year to Date 273
 2019 Incidents Year to Date 286

