

# Tuolumne County Fire Department

*“At-A-Glance”*



**July 2023**

## Tuolumne County Fire Department

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# Tuolumne County Fire Department Call Totals

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### **Incident Totals:**

Total Incidents: 846

Medical Aids: 559

Structure Fires: 27

Vegetation Fires: 62

Other Type Fires: 55

Hazardous Conditions: 39

Other Incident Types: 104

### **Tuolumne County Station Call Totals:**

Mono Village Station 51: 229

Ponderosa Hills Station 53: 14

Long Barn Station 54: 12

Pinecrest Station 55: 42

Mono Vista Station 56: 86

Phoenix Lake Station 57: Calls absorbed by other Stations

Cedar Ridge Station 58: 12

Chinese Camp Station 61: 65

Don Pedro Station 64: 39

Jamestown Station 76: 177

Groveland Station 63/78: 80

Columbia College Station 79: 90

*\*\*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

7/2/2023

Tuolumne County Fire Department resources responded with CAL FIRE TCU and the Sonora City Fire Department to a reported vegetation fire near Mono Way and Sanguinetti Loop. TCFD Engine 511 arrived and found 2-3 acres of grass burning at a moderate rate of spread with one structure immediately threatened. Quick work by resources contained the fire at approximately 5 acres with no damage to any structures. The cause of the fire was determined to be powerlines.



7/2/2023

Tuolumne County Fire Department resources responded with CAL FIRE TCU and Twain Harte Fire Department to assist the Mi-Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District with a residential structure fire. Units arrived at scene to find a two-story residential structure fully involved with fire. Strong work by fire crews contained the fire to the building of origin with no spread to vegetation. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.



7/5/2023

Early in the morning Tuolumne County Fire Department resources responded with CAL FIRE TCU and Sierra Center Fire Department to a commercial fire on Enterprise Drive in Chinese Camp. When firefighters arrived at scene they found a large wood chip pile on fire. Crews contained the fire quickly and worked through the night with on-site employees to ensure the fire was completely extinguished. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.



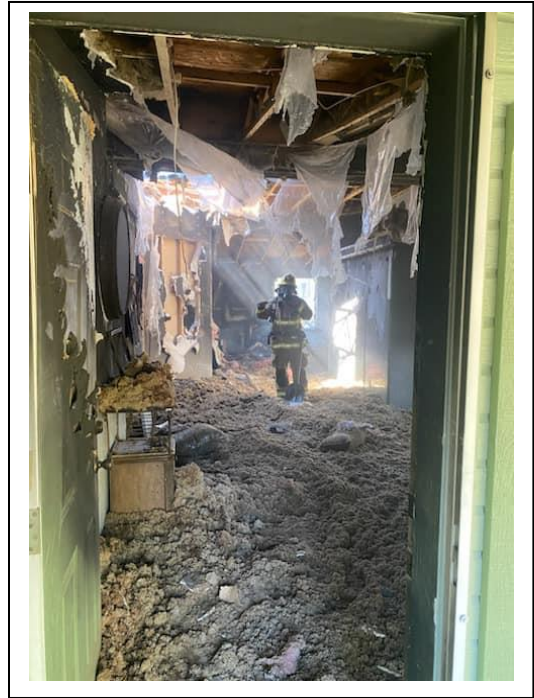
7/5/2023

Tuolumne County Fire Department resources responded with CAL FIRE TCU, San Andreas Fire Protection District, Murphys Fire Protection District and Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District to a reported vegetation fire on the Tuolumne County side of the Parrott's Ferry Bridge. SAFER Grant funded Engine 791 arrived to find a fire burning downhill towards the lake. Quick work by firefighters stopped the spread at less than one acre however resources remained at scene for several hours due to heavy fuels and extensive mop-up. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.



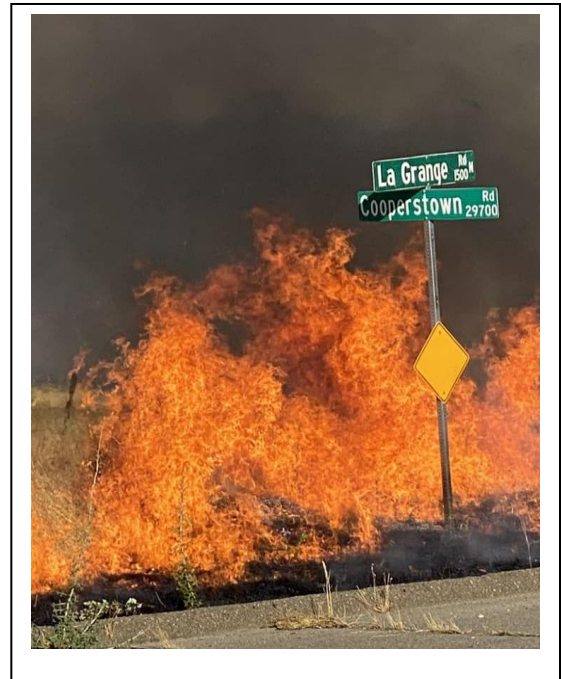
7/5/2023

Tuolumne County Fire Department resources responded with CAL FIRE TCU, Sonora City Fire Department and the Twain Harte Fire Department to a residential structure fire on Tupelo Court in Sonora Hills. When resources arrived at scene they found a single-story structure over 25% involved with heavy fire that immediately posed a threat to multiple other structures. Firefighters used a coordinated attack to aggressively make an interior attack on the structure while also containing the vegetation in the yard that was on fire moving towards other homes. Deputies from the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office secured the area and notified other neighbors. The fire was contained with the home of origin suffering major damage and two other structures having exterior damage. Fortunately there were no injuries to responders or civilians and the cause of the fire is under investigation.



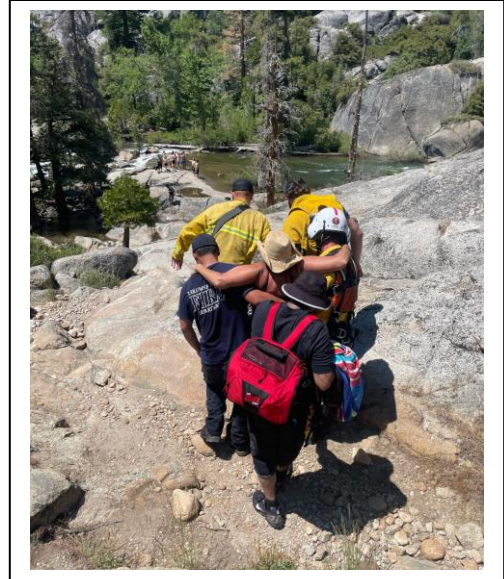
7/7/2023

Tuolumne County Fire Department resources responded with CAL FIRE TCU, CAL FIRE MMU and resources from Stanislaus County to the area of J59 and Cooperstown Road in southern Tuolumne County for a vegetation fire. Resources arrived to find approximately 10 acres in grass burning at a moderate rate of spread. Air and ground resources were able to stop the fires spread in under an hour at approximately 85 acres. No injuries were reported and the cause is under investigation.

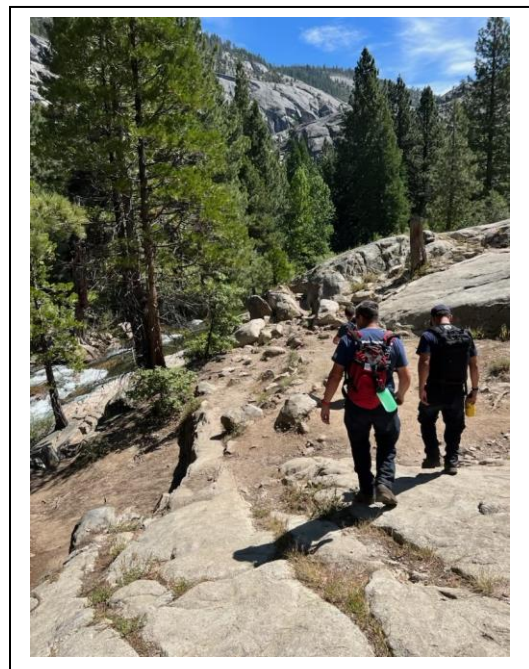


7/15-16/2023

Over the course of 24 hours Tuolumne County Fire responded with Mi Wuk Sugar Pine Fire Protection District (MWSPFPD), Strawberry Fire Protection District (SFPD) and Columbia Helitack to the area of Cleo's Bath on the far side of Pinecrest Lake for broken ankles. On July 15<sup>th</sup> Tuolumne County Fire personnel from Pinecrest Station 55 utilized Boat 554 to traverse the lake to reach the trail. After a three-mile hike they found the patient and were assisted by MWSPFD personnel to move the patient to a location in which Columbia Helitack performed a 125' hoist into the helicopter. The helicopter transported the patient to the Bald Mountain LZ where an ambulance was waiting.



The next day on July 16<sup>th</sup> resources were dispatched once again to Cleo's Bath for a broken ankle. Boat 554 was once again used to traverse the lake before personnel from Pinecrest Station 55, MWSPFPD and SFPD began a 2 ½ mile hike to the patient. Firefighters were able to stabilize the patient and carry them back down to Boat 554 which transported them across the lake to a waiting ambulance.



7/15/2023

On July 15<sup>th</sup> Tuolumne County Fire Department responded with CAL FIRE TCU, Sonora City Fire Department (SFD) and Twain Harte Fire (THFD) in 100+ degree temperatures to a reported structure fire in the area of Hess Avenue and Mono Way. TCFD E-511 arrived at scene and reported heavy smoke and fire from the rear of the structure with an established attic fire running the length of the house. Multiple firefighters made an aggressive interior attack and knocked the fire down before it could spread to the vegetation. All occupants of the home made it out prior to arrival of fire resources and no injuries were reported. With the addition of FEMA SAFER grant-funded personnel on multiple Tuolumne County Fire engines and additional engines in service, response times to incidents and the additional staffing allow firefighters the appropriate staffing levels to battle these fires in 100+ degree temperatures for multiple hours. This is vital to our firefighter's safety as well as allowing quick containment of fires.



7/24/2023

Tuolumne County Fire Department, CAL FIRE TCU and Mi Wuk Sugar Pine FPD were dispatched to assist Twain Harte Fire with a residential structure fire in the area of Fuller Road in Twain Harte. Firefighters quickly extinguished the flames and prevented any spread to the vegetation or other nearby homes. No injuries were reported and the cause remains under investigation.



7/24/2023

Tuolumne County Fire Department responded with CAL FIRE TCU, CAL FIRE MMU, and Modesto Fire to a vegetation fire in the of of Highway 132 near La Grange in southern Tuolumne County. On arrival the fire was 3 acres burning in grass. Air and ground crews quickly contained the fire and no injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation.



7/28/2023

Tuolumne County Fire Department resources responded with CAL FIRE TCU to a reported vegetation fire on Mono Way near the Sonora Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership. Upon arrival fire crews found an approximately ¼ acre fire. Firefighters made quick work of the incident and extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire was determined to have resulted from an unattended campfire.



## Special Announcement

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, in a historic moment in the history of Tuolumne County fire protection, the Tuolumne County Fire Department assumed all administrative and operational responsibilities for the Columbia Fire Protection District. We would like to recognize and thank the members of the Columbia Fire Protection District for the 171 years of dedicated service that they provided to the citizens and visitors of Columbia and greater Tuolumne County. We are proud of the agreement with Columbia FPD and are proud to serve a greater area of Tuolumne County as the primary fire protection agency.

Tuolumne County Fire Department, through an agreement with Columbia College (Yosemite Community College District), has a long-standing agreement to supervise the student firefighters at Columbia College/Tuolumne County Fire Department Station 79. Now, with this agreement, a professionally staffed career (CAL FIRE staffed) fire engine will respond to all emergencies within and around the Columbia area from Columbia College while we consider future fire station locations in the Columbia area.

