

# Auburn Fire Department

## Bi-Monthly Executive Summary

September - October 2021

**Matt Spokely, Mayor**  
**Sandra Amara, Vice-Mayor**

**Council Members: Daniel Berlant**  
**Alice Dowdin-Calvillo**  
**Rachel Radell-Harris**

Current ISO Rating: 3

### News & Events

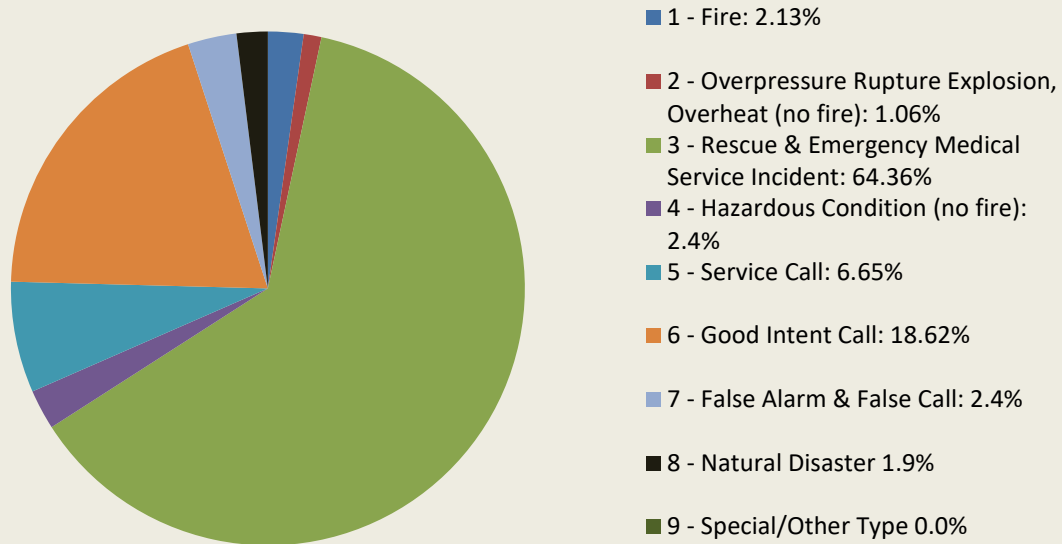
**1. Fuel Reduction:**

- a. The \$49,500 Middle Fork Fuel Reduction Grant allotted for work in the Vintage Oaks open space will be underway before the end of this year. Over 40 acres will be cleared in this project in collaboration with the HOA.
- b. Fuel reduction on the UPRR property has begun! A local contractor has been hired to mitigate the gross overaccumulation of fuel loading on UPRR property. Work has begun along Auburn Folsom Road and the crews will move South as they progress, increasing defensible space to homes.

**2. New Hires:** Six new fire department members are in the pre-employment process and are anticipated to start in early November.

### Update on Response

Bi-Monthly Incident Summary	Fire	Over-Pressure	EMS/Rescue	Hazmat	Service Call	Good Intent	False Call	Natural Disaster	Other	Total
9/1/21 – 10/31/21	8	4	224	9	25	70	11	7	0	376



2021 Running Incident Total	Fire	Over-Pressure	EMS/Rescue	Hazmat	Service Call	Good Intent	False Call	Natural Disaster	Other	Total
1/1/21 – 10/31/21	88	12	1170	42	124	319	88	7	3	1853

## **Significant Emergency Incidents**

### **VEGETATION FIRE**

**September 5<sup>th</sup>** – At 12:55pm, Battalion 1217 and Engine 1285 responded automatic aid to CAL FIRE for a vegetation fire burning below the Foresthill Bridge on the Foresthill side of the American River canyon. Engine 1285 arrived and was assigned to a hose lay on multiple divisions. Engine 1285 also helped rescue trapped occupants out of Lake Clementine recreation area. Battalion 1217 assisted at the Incident Command Post as Deputy Operations. Both units were committed for the majority of the day. The incident was contained to approximately 400 acres and no structures were lost.

Incident Command: Chief Rufenacht, CAL FIRE  
Auburn Fire Personnel: 4 (C-shift)  
Fire Cause: Intentional, Still Under Investigation

### **SIGNIFICANT FLOODING**

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** – Auburn Fire units responded to a reported flooding call in the area of 500 Landis Circle. Battalion 1215, Engine 1285, and Engine 1284 arrived at scene and found a vehicle that struck a fire hydrant and caused a significant water leak. Auburn Fire units secured the water supply and performed a damage assessment. The water runoff caused significant exterior property damage to 3 homes, the roadway, and gutter system. Auburn Police, Public Works and PCWA were requested to respond to the incident. Fire units also discovered a natural gas leak at the intersection of Landis Circle and Los Altos Avenue. PG&E was requested and found damage to a 1" natural gas line caused by erosion. The incident was stabilized and turned over to Public Works and PG&E for clean-up and repairs.

Incident Command: Chief Rogers, B1215  
Auburn Fire Personnel: 7 (A-Shift)  
Assisting Agencies: APD, Auburn Public Works, PCWA, PG&E  
Actions Saved: Property and Infrastructure

### **FIELD SAVE CPR**

**September 25<sup>th</sup>** – Engine 1285, Automatic Aid from Newcastle Engine 41, and an AMR ambulance responded to Rosemary Drive for a reported adult old female who had gone unconscious and was in need of medical care. Units arrived at scene to find the patient not breathing and with no pulse. CPR was immediately initiated, and Advanced Life Support measures were implemented by the AMR paramedic. Units were able to restore a heartbeat and rapidly transported the patient code 3 to Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital. When the ambulance arrived at the ER the patient was breathing on their own and began talking.

Incident Command: Captain Bowers, E1285  
Auburn Fire Personnel: 4 (B-Shift) FC Bowers, FAE Gray, FF Sims, FF Murphy  
Automatic / Mutual Aid: 2 Fire Personnel (Newcastle Fire)  
Actions Saved: Life

## **ATMOSPHERIC RIVER RELATED INCIDENTS**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** – For an entire shift, Auburn Fire units worked closely with Auburn Public Works and Auburn Police to clear roadways and hazards due to the storm. In total Auburn Fire units ran 6 Medical Aids, 2 Vehicle Accidents, 1 Dumpster Fire, 6 Trees Down into Roadways/Residences, 2 Flooding's of Buildings: Both with significant loss potential/saved, 1 False Fire Alarm, and 1 Good Intent call.

Incident Command: Chief Zaucha, 1217  
Auburn Fire Personnel: 5 (C-Shift)  
Automatic / Mutual Aid: 6 Fire Personnel (CAL FIRE & Newcastle Fire)  
Actions Saved: \$200,000

## **Prevention: Yearly Totals**

### **Business Inspections**

State Mandated	Properties Inspected	In Compliance	Pending Re-Inspection	Total Inspection Hours	Plans Reviewed	Burn Permits Issued
68	27	24	5	13	21	53

### **Vegetation Management**

Complaint Generated Parcels	Complaint Parcels Evaluated	Parcels Notified	Compliance	Pending w/Action Started	Compliance %	Acres Treated
36	36	36	32	4	89%	120 (some from 2020)

## **Operations:**

### **Training: Bi-monthly**

Total Trainings Completed	Total Hours of Training	JAC Reimbursable Hours	Trainings Provided to Community	Certifications Achieved by Staff
303	574	492	0	0

## **Public Education: Yearly Totals**

<b>Community Events</b>	<b>Station Tours</b>	<b>School Safety Programs</b>	<b>Structure Ignition Assessments</b>	<b>Number of Adult Participants</b>	<b>Number of Child Participants</b>	<b>Public Education Hours</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>50</b>

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Battalion Chief D’Ambrogi attended an Auburn Shaded Fuel Break fuel reduction update meeting with representatives from: BOR, Placer RCD, ASRA and CAL FIRE.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> – Battalion Chief Rogers, Captain Bowers, and Captain Jelle attended the Gold Country Fair safety and informational briefing hosted by the California Highway Patrol.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – Battalion Chief Rogers along with Captain Jelle and company attended the Auburn Cruise Night 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony. Fire personnel delivered the 9-11 Monument and spoke during the ceremony.
- September 16<sup>th</sup> – Captain Jelle and company attended the memorial service for retired Auburn Hook and Ladder Co. #1 member Jim Dobbas at the Ridge Golf Course.
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Captain Jelle and company taught basic first aid to several children and adults at the Salvation Army
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Auburn Community Service Day! AFD led a fuel reduction project at the end of Hermal Drive, cleaning up 2 acres of fuel loading with help of Auburn Public Works crew and 15 community members.
- October 6<sup>th</sup> – Battalion Chief Zaucha along with Captain Jelle and company walked with APD at the Annual Walk to School event. Participants walked from the Maidu Fire Station to Skyridge School.
- October 26<sup>th</sup> – Captain Bowers and company performed a Structure Ignition Assessment in the Grandview Oaks neighborhood.
- October 29<sup>th</sup> – Captain Rogers and company attended the Harvest Festival at Alta Vista School. The firefighters showcased the fire engine and chatted with students on what its like to be a firefighter.