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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

Preliminary Summary Report of Serious CAL FIRE Injuries, Illnesses, Accidents and Near-Miss Incidents



Electrical Shock / Near Miss

August 28, 2014

**Hillside Incident
14-CA-RRU-090231**

14-CA-RRU-090334

California Southern Region

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Lookout

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SYNOPSIS

On the evening of August 28, 2014, while assigned to a vegetation fire, two fire department personnel were injured when they came in contact with an unknown electrical energy source. Both personnel are stable and have been transported to a local area hospital as a precaution.

NARRATIVE

On Thursday August 28, 2014, at 1603 hours, units from the Riverside Administrative Unit (RRU), along with local government, responded to a vegetation fire reported in the area of Quebec Avenue and Hillside Street, in an unincorporated community called El Cerrito southeast of Corona. Approximately two hours into suppression activities two fire department personnel, a firefighter II-paramedic and a volunteer reserve firefighter received an electrical shock from an unknown power source, resulting in minor injuries. As a precaution both personnel were immediately triaged and treated by fire department paramedics and transported by helicopter to a local area trauma center for evaluation. Both personnel remain in the hospital for further observation.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- Review “Identification and Management of Life Hazards” ([CAL FIRE Handbook 1700, Section 1738](#)).
- Maintain Situation Awareness while working around power lines.
- Be familiar with “Fireline Hazards” ([CAL FIRE Handbook 4300, Section 4306.5](#)).
- Review “Energized Electrical Equipment Safety Precautions” ([CAL FIRE Handbook 4300, Section 4331.2](#)).