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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



Non-Injury Traffic Collision

July 28, 2012

Turkey

12-CA-FKU-9545

12-CA-FKU-9552

California Southern Region

This Preliminary Summary Report is intended as an aid in accident prevention, and to provide factual information from the first 24 hours of the accident review. To that end it is published and distributed within a short time frame. Information contained within may be subject to revision as further investigation is conducted, and other reports and documents are received.

SYNOPSIS

On Saturday July 28, 2012 during initial attack operations on the Turkey Incident, a State pickup received major damage when struck by a civilian vehicle. Both drivers were uninjured.

NARRATIVE

On Saturday July 28, 2012 a CAL FIRE Prevention Officer was responding to the Turkey Incident on Whitesbridge Avenue, a two lane road near the community of Mendota. While attempting to gain access to the Incident, the Officer slowed and activated his rear facing amber lights. As the Officer was turning left onto the dirt access road his vehicle was struck by a civilian driver attempting to pass in the oncoming traffic lane. There were no reported injuries to either the CAL FIRE employee or the civilian driver. Both vehicles sustained major damage.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- **Be aware of potential hazards.**
- **Practice Defensive Driving at all times.**
- **Secure all loose items within the vehicle.**
- **Wear your seatbelts at all times.**