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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



Inmate Firefighter Burn Injury

August 12, 2012

Wye Fire

12-CA-LNU-006335

California Northern 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

The following information is a preliminary summary of an inmate firefighter who received first degree burns to his face while working on a wildland fire in the Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit.

NARRATIVE

On Sunday, August 12, 2012 at approximately 2115 hours, a hand crew was assigned to assist with a firing operation on Division X, during initial attack. While the firing operation was in progress a spot fire occurred. The hand crew attempted to suppress the spot fire; however, the firing operation was unsuccessful due to fire behavior. While retreating to their safety zone, an inmate firefighter assigned to the hand crew sustained first degree burns to his face. The inmate firefighter was transported to UC Davis Burn Center for further evaluation where he was treated and released. The inmate firefighter was returned to California Correctional Center in Susanville.

RECOMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- **Assure all crew members personal protective equipment is worn properly.**
- **Maintain situational awareness.**
- **Allow adequate time to reach safety zones**