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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



Dozer Transport Vehicle Accident
Major Damage to Transport and Private Autos with a Civilian Fatality

August 29, 2011 Jamieson Incident 11-CA-LNU-006889

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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.

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SYNOPSIS

The following is a preliminary summary of a dozer transport involved in a vehicle accident. The CAL FIRE transport and three private passenger vehicles received major damage. There were eight civilian injuries and one civilian fatality. No injuries to CAL FIRE personnel occurred.

NARRATIVE

On August 29, 2011, at approximately 10:40 a.m., a dozer transport that was part of a strike team was involved in a traffic accident, which included three private passenger vehicles. The strike team had been on a cover assignment in the Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit

The dozer transport was traveling east on Highway 12 near the Napa Solano County line when a passenger vehicle crossed the double yellow line directly into the transport's path. Two other vehicles became involved in the resulting crash. All vehicles, including the transport, sustained major damage. Eight civilians were transported to the hospital with minor to moderate injuries. One civilian was declared dead at the scene. The driver of the transport was uninjured.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION

- Drive defensively and be alert at all times.
- Ensure use of seatbelts at all times.

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