

# **BLUE SHEET**

## **California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)**

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



**Vehicle Accident NEU Engine 2374  
Moderate Engine Damage**

**August 8, 2011**

**Eighty**

**CANEU017787**

**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.

**Lookout**

**Communications**

**Escape Routes**

**Safety Zones**

## **SYNOPSIS**

The following information is a preliminary summary of a traffic collision that involved CAL FIRE Engine 2374 and a semi truck/trailer vehicle. The highway collision resulted in moderate damage to the CAL FIRE vehicle and to the semi truck/trailer. The accident resulted in no injuries to CAL FIRE personnel, or the occupant of the semi truck/trailer.

## **NARRATIVE**

On August 9, 2011, at approximately 2027 hours, CAL FIRE Engine 2374 responded with the Truckee Fire Protection District to a commercial vehicle fire on westbound Interstate 80 just west of the Donner Lake Interchange. Upon clearing the incident (11-CA-NEU-017787), Engine 2374, occupied by three (3) CAL FIRE personnel traveled westbound to the next available location to enter the eastbound lanes. The accident occurred within the construction zone of major roadwork occurring on both eastbound and westbound Interstate 80. While proceeding westbound, Engine 2374 attempted to use a break in the "K" rail to gain access to the eastbound lanes and collided with a semi truck/trailer. The collision resulted in moderate damage to the semi truck/trailer and moderate damage to Engine 2374. There were no injuries to CAL FIRE personnel or the occupant of the semi truck/trailer.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS**

Review with all personnel:

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