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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



Partial Roof Collapse with Injuries

November 11, 2011

**Glen Side
CA-TCU-009920**

**Serious Accident Review
CA-CSR-000067**

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Lookout

Communications

Escape Routes

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SYNOPSIS

A CAL FIRE Captain sustained serious injuries due to a partial building collapse at a single family dwelling structure fire. In addition to the CAL FIRE Captain's serious injuries, a CAL FIRE Firefighter and Copperopolis Fire District Firefighter sustained minor injuries.

NARRATIVE

On November 11, 2011, at approximately 2230, CAL FIRE crews were assisting the Copperopolis Fire Protection District with a residential structure fire in Copperopolis (Calaveras County). At approximately 2349 hours, while performing an exterior attack, a CAL FIRE Captain sustained serious injuries due to a partial building collapse. The CAL FIRE Captain was struck by the structure as it collapsed.

Assisting Firefighters moved the Captain away from the structure and began rendering treatment. The Captain was airlifted to a hospital and is listed in serious condition.

The CAL FIRE Firefighter received a burn injury to the right wrist area unrelated to the roof collapse. The Copperopolis Fire District Firefighter received an ankle injury responding to the collapse.

The two minor injuries were treated and released.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- Wear all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment properly.
- Maintain fire ground and crew accountability.
- Maintain situational awareness at all times.