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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



Madera City Fire Department Firefighter Burn Injury

June 19, 2011

**Madera Incident
CA-MMU-008998**

**Serious Accident Review
CA-CSR-000035**

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Lookout

Communications

Escape Routes

Safety Zones

SYNOPSIS

The following is a preliminary summary of firefighter burn injuries sustained while performing structural firefighting operations on a multi-family occupancy in the City of Madera.

NARRATIVE

On June 19, 2011 at approximately 0800 hours a structure fire dispatch that consisted of a Chief Officer and 4 Engines responded to a structure fire in an apartment complex within the City of Madera. The first arriving engine observed heavy smoke and fire coming from 4 units (2 below and 2 above).

Personnel initiated suppression action and a search was performed. During a search, a firefighter encountered intense heat. This caused the firefighter to seek cover behind a bedroom door. The firefighter became disoriented and summoned help. Once the firefighter was outside the structure, EMS was requested to evaluate the firefighter for injuries. The fire was contained to the original 4 units involved.

Upon later evaluation of the firefighter's injuries, it was determined that further medical attention was needed. The firefighter was transported to a hospital for evaluation and medical treatment. The firefighter was released from the hospital later that day.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- Wear all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment properly.
- Maintain fire ground and crew accountability at all times.
- Be aware of current and expected fire conditions.
- Ensure all personnel review CAL FIRE Policy 1810 Burn Treatment.