

Preliminary Summary Report of Serious or Near Serious CAL FIRE Injuries, Illnesses and Accidents



BLUE SHEET

Firefighter Tree Strike

August 7, 2021

Dixie Incident

21-CA-BTU-009205

California Northern Region

SUMMARY

On Saturday, August 7, 2021, at approximately 1:00 AM, one CAL FIRE Fire Captain and three CAL FIRE Firefighters were injured by a falling tree during handline construction on the Dixie Incident, north of Chester, California. Two Firefighters were transported to Banner Lassen Medical Center in Susanville with minor injuries and were evaluated and released. The third Firefighter and Fire Captain were transported to Enloe Medical Center in Chico. The Firefighter was evaluated and released with minor injuries. The Fire Captain suffered lacerations, broken bones, and musculoskeletal injuries. The Fire Captain remains hospitalized.

The BLS Line Pack the firefighters carried proved invaluable in the initial treatment of the injured firefighters.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

No recommendations were identified within the first 12 hours of this summary.