



Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
Incident Notification

DATE: 5/20/2025

TIME OF ALARM: 5:38:00 PM

TYPE OF ALARM: Vegetation Fire at wrecking yard with structures threatened.

LOCATION: 5740 Main Street, Oakley.

RESPONSE: Vegetation Fire with Structure Threatened 3rd Alarm- Eleven Type 1 Engines, Three Type 3 Engines, Six Water Tenders, One Truck, Two Investigators, Dozer 220, Crew 12, Three Battalion Chiefs, One Safety Officer, One District Chief, PIO, and ISU 20.

ASSISTING AGENCIES: Cal fire, Fed Fire, CHP, Oakley PD, CCSO, AMR, PGE

TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL AT SCENE:90

Units responded to a significant exterior fire at a vehicle salvage yard, marked by a large column of black smoke. The incident involved multiple burning vehicles in the salvage yard, with explosions spreading to an adjacent RV and boat storage area. Embers carried by the wind ignited spot fires hundreds of yards away, threatening nearby residential houses.

Battalion 9 established Brownstone Incident Command (IC) and requested police assistance for traffic control. Engine and Water Tender 95 directly attacked the main fire, while Engine 393 and Crew 12 focused on extinguishing a grass fire and protecting homes.

Due to the scale of the incident, additional alarms were requested to support structure protection, fire attack, and water supply efforts. The fire attack was strategically divided into three sections: the wrecking yard, the RV storage lot, and wildland/structure protection.

Air reconnaissance was conducted using the CCCFPD Drone and the CCSO STARR aircraft. Their assessments confirmed the fire's spread direction and potential exposures. STARR reported no fire spread beyond the areas already under protection.

Water supply posed a challenge initially. However, once resources arrived to deploy a water supply line exceeding 1000 feet from the nearest hydrant, crews were able to contain and quickly extinguish the fire.

Firefighters worked effectively to prevent the fire from reaching numerous residential structures located south of the main incident. Ultimately, all fire was extinguished, and all hot spots were addressed. Concurrent district-wide challenges included a double fatality vehicle accident with extrication and fire, as well as a commercial structure fire in Pittsburg. The CCCFPD communication center played a crucial role in coordinating the movement of resources across the district to maintain even coverage.

No injury of Civilian or Fire personnel, origin of fire was a discarded pile of auto batteries.

Respectfully submitted,

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