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Alameda Fire Department Personnel Deployed to Weather-Caused Crisis Areas

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The Alameda Fire Department deployed several personnel members and equipment to provide aid to weather-related crisis incidents.

AFD announced recently they deployed a water tender and two Alameda firefighters to the Six Rivers Lightning Complex located on the Six Rivers National Forest near Willow Creek.

According to the Incident Information System, the complex was made of 12 lightning-caused fires in an area spanning 13,968 acres. After the aggressive initial response of a multi-county task force with the Six Rivers National Forest firefighters, there are now only six active fires, as of Friday, August 12.

This wildfire was a result of the multiple thunderstorms moving across the forest, as well as the northern part of the state.

AFD previously announced on August 8 that two single-resource firefighters were deployed to Alpine County as part of the California Mutual Aid System, according to AFD reports. With potential for heavy rainfall forecast in the northern part of the state the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) strategically prepositioned critical resources for swift water rescue teams in Butte and Alpine County.

AFD Captain Geoffrey Gray and Firefighter Jeff Weidler joined the 16-person Swift Water Rescue Team as part of California Task Force Team-4, led by the Oakland Fire Department, in Alpine County, including the Willow Creek area. They will provide aid in the event of potential mudslides and debris flow until the weather event's conclusion.

Currently, the Six Rivers Lightning Complex wildfire area has established evacuation zones, and heavy smoke is predicted to linger until warmer and drier air filters in from above after high pressure builds in the atmosphere. Planned actions for the fire include cooperating with local fire departments for effective protection plans, conducting firing operations in multiple divisions to strengthen lines, limit-



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Alameda Fire Department members traveled to Mariposa County to battle the Oak Fire.

ing the fires impact to indirect lines, and buffering uphill fire runs. Community defense is also being provided for Willow Creek, Seely Macintosh, Salyer Heights, Trinity Village, Hawkins Bar and other scattered and unincorporated areas.

For more updates and information, please visit: <https://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/article/831270500>.

Last month, two AFD members were deployed to two different wildfires. AFD Public Information Officer Kevin Tidwell was assigned to the Dalton Highway Complex Fire in Alaska on July 29.

California sent one of its Interagency Incident Management Teams to Alaska due to drawdown in their state. As a member of the South-Central Interagency Incident Management Team, Tidwell reports to the Incident

Commander and is responsible for providing information to the media, as well as the general public, according to AFD reports.

AFD Heavy Equipment Boss Grant Miller was assigned to the Oak Fire, near the community of Mariposa County. Miller was responsible for managing multiple dozers that created an indirect-fireline to contain the fire.

Both members were deployed for 14 days under the California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA). The two AFD members are expected to have returned.

CFAA is the negotiated reimbursement mechanism for local government fire agency responses through the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System, in order to recover the costs of local resources such as both AFD members.



San Francisco Bay Ferry Facebook Page

Authorities called off a search for man who jumped into the Oakland-Alameda Estuary Sunday afternoon.

Authorities Call Off Search for Ferry Jumper

Ekene Ikeme

A passenger on a San Francisco Bay Ferry vessel is presumed dead after jumping into the Oakland-Alameda Estuary Sunday, Aug. 14.

The ferry was on the Oakland & Alameda route traveling toward the Main Street Alameda terminal when the unidentified person, a male, leapt into the estuary around 4 p.m., according to Thomas Hall, public information and marketing manager for San Francisco Bay Ferry/Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA).

"Upon being informed of a person going overboard, the captain turned the vessel around and the crew began attempted rescue operations while local first responders were mobilized," stated Hall in an email. "The passenger was not able to be rescued by the ferry crew, and first responders took command of the operation upon arrival."

Local authorities, including a diving team, arrived shortly after. The team searched the waters for the passenger for several hours, but the search was called off around midnight without finding the body, according to Alameda

County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Lt. Ray Kelly. Kelly said there are no plans to come back unless they receive an update. Kelly said the passenger jumped into the water on the Alameda side of the estuary just before the ferry reached the terminal.

After the incident was reported to authorities, San Francisco Bay Ferry canceled the 4:30 and 5 p.m. Downtown San Francisco to Oakland and Alameda ferries due to rescue activities, according to a San Francisco Bay Ferry report. The service was resumed later that day.

Kelly believes the incident was a suicide.

A man overboard is a rare occurrence on a San Francisco Bay Ferry, according to Hall. He said he does not recall another incident during his four years with WETA. Nonetheless, Hall said San Francisco Bay Ferry crews perform monthly "man overboard" drills to be prepared for such incidents.

WETA is continuing to work with local law enforcement and the U.S. Coast Guard to respond and investigate the incident.

Alameda's Final Candidates for the General Municipal Election

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On August 11, the filing period for non-incumbents for Alameda City Councilmember was extended to Wednesday, August 17, according to a press release from the City of Alameda.

This filing period for individuals that are not currently in office

as City Councilmembers was extended because an incumbent member, Councilmember John Knox White, had not filed nomination papers. White has already announced he will not run for reelection ("Councilmember Knox White Will Not Seek City Council

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Nancy Bronstein To Be Named Interim City Manager

Sun Staff Reports

On August 9, during a special closed session meeting, the City Council unanimously directed staff to place the appointment of Nancy Bronstein to be Interim City Manager on the council's September 6 meeting agenda. (City Manager appointments must occur during open session at a regularly scheduled council meeting, according to city reports.) Bronstein, who is currently the Acting City Manager and Human Resources Director, became Human Resources Director in January 2016, and also served as Acting Finance Director from March to September 2020.

Bronstein will take over for Dirk Brazil who the Council appointed to be Interim City Manager in May. Brazil resigned

from the position, citing a family emergency as the reason for his resignation. He appointed Bronstein and Public Works Director Erin Smith to be Acting co-City Managers, pending Council's appointment of an Interim City Manager.

Bronstein will now oversee city operations while the council moves forward with hiring a permanent City Manager.

This is another twist to the City Manager hiring timeline. Former City Manager Eric Levitt announced on March 15 that he would take the City Manager job for the City of Fullerton, ("City Manager Leaves for New Position," March 23). The city hired Assistant City Manager Girard "Gerry" Beaudin as the interim city manager on April 19, but he was also hired to



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be the permanent City Manager of Pleasanton on the same day ("Assistant City Manager Appointed to Two City Manager Positions," April 22). Beaudin's role as Interim City Manager lasted about a month, until May 23, when he started his Pleasanton job. He was replaced by Brazil.

ALAMEDA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Barack D. Obama Shaw

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft: Incumbent Mayor

Trish Spencer: Incumbent City Councilmember

MAYOR CANDIDATES

Vote on Nov. 8, 2022

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Three candidates will run for Mayor of Alameda in the November General Election.

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Oakland Police Department

Local Police Departments search for missing teen.

MISSING TEEN

Sun Staff Reports

The Alameda Police Department is supporting the Oakland Police Department in their search of a missing Oakland girl.

Daisy Lancaster, 13, was reported missing by Oakland Police Department's Missing Persons Unit. She was last seen Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Extended Stay in Alameda around 3:30 p.m. Lancaster is described as a white female, 4 feet 8 inches tall and weighing 115 pounds with blond hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a black Nike shirt, black shorts and black shoes.

The Alameda Police Department wants anyone with information to call the Oakland Police Department's Missing Persons Unit at 510-238-3641.

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