



# TRUCKEE FIRE UPDATE

## 2022

For the Tahoe Donner Association Annual Meeting  
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# TRUCKEE FIRE UPDATE 2022

- The Tahoe Donner Association is a Leader in Fire Prevention
  - 1. Defensible Space at Property Sale
  - 2. Campfire Ban
  - 3. Forest Fuels Management
  - 4. And the First NFPA Firewise Community

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- New Fire Chief: Kevin McKechnie
  - Appointment Effective July 1, 2022
  - Moved to Truckee in 1972
  - Class of '88 Truckee Highschool
  - BS in Civil Engineering Chico State
  - Volunteer Firefighter 2001
  - Martis Fire Father's Day 2001
  - Full time Firefighter/Paramedic 2005
  - Fire Marshal 2019
  - Married with two Boys
  - Enjoys coaching youth sports



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- Services that Truckee Fire Provides
  - 1. All Risk Emergency Response
  - 2. Full Service Fire Prevention
  - 3. Community Education and Outreach

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- Operations Division

- 1. Advanced Life Support Transport and ALS Engines
- 2. Structure Fires, Vehicle Fires, and Vegetation Fires
- 3. Technical Rescue:
  - High Angle
  - Low Angle
  - Ice Rescue
  - Swiftwater Rescue

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- Fire Prevention Division

- The Goal of the Fire Prevention Division is to Stop Loss Before it Happens!
  - Incident Investigations
  - Fire Code Adoption
  - Plan Reviews
  - Inspections
  - Code Enforcement

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- Public Outreach and Messaging
  - Messaging
    - Social Media
    - Print
    - Radio
    - Signs
    - Banners
    - Code Red

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- Systems We Serve
  - Critical Infrastructure and Economy
    - Interstate 80
    - Utilities: Power, Gas, Water, Sewer
    - Schools, Hospital, Airport
    - Special Events
    - Businesses and Local Economy



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- Fire Prevention is a Partnership
  - What can you do
    - CO Detectors and Smoke Alarms
    - Fire Extinguisher
    - Clearly Posted Address
    - Eliminate Combustible Storage Around Water Heater and Furnace
    - Be Ready and Set to Go when a wildfire comes

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- Catastrophic Wildfire
  - Measure T is a step in the right direction
  - More Needs to be done
  - Mobilize the Fed, State and County
  - Continue with proactive work

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- Catastrophic Wildfire: Far Reaching Impacts
  - Air Quality
  - GHG Emissions
  - Water Quality
  - Habitats
  - Natural Resource Destruction

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- August 30, 2021
  - Red Flag Day: Hot, Dry, Windy
  - Structure Fire
  - Debris Fire ( 20 minutes Later)

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- August 30, 2021
  - Huge response from many agencies: CalFire, USFS, Olympic Valley, Northstar, and North Tahoe
  - Kept the loss to a minimum
  - Preventable

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- Fires are going to happen
  - Prevention
  - Keep them small
  - We have our work cut out for us.
    - Thanks for your time.

