



Bishop Fire Department

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Press Release

Bishop, CA

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Bishop firefighters were inundated with 15 calls in three hours from extreme wind event.

Bishop volunteer firefighters were summoned to 15 separate emergency incidents from 10 AM to 1 PM on Monday because of a strong wind event. Most, but not all of the calls were powerline and tree related. The Bishop Fire Department and its partners extinguished several small fires from downed lines. Units from Big Pine, Cal Fire, and the U.S. Forest Service assisted the Bishop Fire Department as the calls stacked on top of each other.

Bishop Police dispatchers did an amazing job of taking, prioritizing, and dispatching the exceptional amount of 911 calls coming into the center. It is also important to reach out and thank those employers that allowed their employees to leave work to respond to these emergencies. Our volunteer system relies on the goodwill of our local businesses and employers who support our community through allowing their employee participation in the fire department. Today, it paid off immensely to ensure the fires remained small and the firefighter's actions prevented thousands of dollars in further damage.

