

Training to test firefighters' wildland skills

On May 16, Sierra Front Wildland Fire Cooperators will host a regional wildland fire unified command sand table exercise at East Fork Fire Station 12, located at 3620 North Sunridge Drive, Carson City.

The event is designed to exercise inter-agency involvement during a large-scale disaster utilizing the federally mandated National Incident Management System. The event will put senior ranking fire and law enforcement personnel in a position to manage a simulated large-scale wildland fire.

The exercise is designed to provide overall incident management skills to key staff operating within the Incident Command System.

Numerous public safety agencies will participate in the event from all over the Sierra Front Cooperators, including personnel from East Fork Fire and Paramedic District,

Tahoe Douglas Fire District, Carson City Fire Department, US Forest Service, US Bureau of Land Management, Nevada Division of Forestry, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Sierra Fire Protection District, Reno Fire Department, Sparks Fire Department, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, numerous public utility companies as well as county officials and agencies.

The planned scenario will simulate a lightning strike brush fire that starts along the Sierra Front and challenges local responders to manage the incident. Throughout the evolution of the exercise, there may be other weather events, further expanding the complexity of the incident.