

CalFire crews training with little water

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AUBURN -- Firefighters are ready for what could be a long and busy summer ahead.

Extreme conditions and low water levels may make it even harder for crews to battle wildfires this season.

"The drought has absolutely left the conditions tinder-dry, and obviously very explosive," CalFire spokesperson Daniel Berlant said.

New recruits are training this week at CalFire's Auburn facility, and they are learning not to depend too heavily on water.

"We're still going to need to use water, but we may use hand tools, we may use other fire-suppression techniques that don't require as much water," Berlant explained.

These techniques are nothing new.

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