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San Mateo County, California

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2 (TALKING CLOCK: Starting date Thursday, September 9,  
3 2010, at 22 hours, 32 minutes and 41 seconds.)

4 OPERATIONS: Med Group, I'd like to keep them a little  
5 while longer.

6 MEDICAL GROUP: Agreed. Will do. Ops from Medical  
7 Group. Can you also make a request for CASSH (ph.)?

8 OPERATIONS: That's affirmative.

9 North Branch from Operations on 31. North Branch from  
10 Operations on 31.

11 NORTH BRANCH: This is North Branch, go ahead.

12 OPERATIONS: Yeah, if you can just advise if you've been  
13 able to get any of those crews rehabbed up there, and if we need  
14 to get some resources, so you can get some rehab for those guys.

15 NORTH BRANCH: Yeah, copy that. I was going to do a  
16 pull after we got the statistics for you.

17 OPERATIONS: Copy that. (Indiscernible)'s on his way  
18 up, if he hasn't met you yet, to get some of that information I  
19 asked for earlier.

20 NORTH BRANCH: Copy that. I've got one division taken  
21 care of, if you want that information, and we do have food and  
22 water.

23 OPERATIONS: Copy that. You do have food and water.  
24 Battalion 16 from Operations on 31.

25 BATTALION 16: Go ahead, Ops. This is Battalion 16.

1           OPERATIONS: Were you able to team up there with the  
2 North Division?

3           BATTALION 16: Negative. We need his physical location.

4           OPERATIONS: Standby.

5           IC: Wildland Branch, IC, on Command 31.

6           WILDLAND BRANCH: Wildland Branch, go ahead.

7           IC: For your information, we got Command 4 Tone 8 to  
8 work.

9           WILDLAND BRANCH: I'm sorry. Can you repeat one more  
10 time please?

11          IC: We got CDF Command 4 Tone 8 to work for the state  
12 resources.

13          WILDLAND BRANCH: Copy that. Thank you.

14          OPERATIONS: Battalion 16 from Operations on 31. Your  
15 location is going to be 1650, 1-6-5-0, Fairmont, 1-6-5-0 Fairmont.  
16 I'm sorry. 1-1-5-0 Fairmont, 1-1-5-0 Fairmont for the North  
17 Branch.

18          BATTALION 16: Copy, 1-1-5-0 Fairmont.

19          WEST BRANCH: West Branch.

20          NORTH BRANCH: North Branch, go.

21          IC: Operations, IC, Command.

22          OPERATIONS: IC, go ahead, Operations.

23          IC: PG&E is wanting to energize outside of our  
24 perimeter, our box that we established for control purposes but in  
25 order to coordinate, I think it's better for them to come down to

1 your location as we have gas and be there with you and so that as  
2 they make those kind of moves to energize, they'll be able to  
3 coordinate with you, and you'll be able to talk with branches'  
4 divisions. Does that work for you?

5 OPERATIONS: That's affirmative. We have pretty good  
6 geographical locations on our West, South and East Branch. I  
7 might not want to do that until we get a confirmation on the North  
8 Branch geographical location. I don't want to energize anything.

9 IC: Just to be clear, this is not within our  
10 established box which is a fairly large one. What they're looking  
11 at trying to do is get outside of and quite a ways away from where  
12 our perimeters would be, but I think it's important for him to  
13 come down there and meet with you and you guys coordinate that,  
14 and if you need anything, contact me.

15 OPERATIONS: Copy that. Thank you.

16 WILDLAND BRANCH: Chief Trapp, Wildland Branch, on  
17 Command.

18 NORTH BRANCH: Yeah, this is North Branch, Battalion 18,  
19 go ahead.

20 BATTALION 18: Bob, where are you at so I can find you?

21 NORTH BRANCH: Repeat.

22 BATTALION 18: Are you on Fairmont?

23 NORTH BRANCH: That's affirm, 1 1 5 0 Fairmont.

24 BATTALION 18: Okay. We'll walk up there.

25 NORTH BRANCH: Copy.

1 IC: Wildland Branch, IC, on Command.

2 WILDLAND BRANCH: Go ahead, IC.

3 IC: Did you copy that we got Command 4 Tone 8 to work  
4 in this area? So we're going to switch all of the state resources  
5 to that Park Command frequency.

6 WILDLAND BRANCH: Okay. We're just going to switch the  
7 state resources.

8 IC: Yeah, affirmative. We're going to have to have the  
9 (indiscernible) frequency for that. That's just for them for. If  
10 there's an emergency, we'll utilize that and Communications will  
11 monitor that.

12 WILDLAND BRANCH: I copy. Command 4 Tone 8.

13 IC: And we'll stay with the same tacs that we've been  
14 using.

15 WILDLAND BRANCH: It's going to take me a little bit to  
16 get everybody switched over. So I'll get back to you when I do.

17 OPERATIONS: Communications from Operations on 31.

18 COMMUNICATIONS: Go ahead, Communications.

19 OPERATIONS: Can you give me the Cal Fire channel  
20 they're working on?

21 COMMUNICATIONS: Standby, and I'll work on that.

22 IC: Communications, IC, were you looking for the Cal  
23 Fire frequencies?

24 COMMUNICATIONS: Affirmative.

25 IC: We're going to utilize CDF Command 4 Tone 8 and CDF

1 Tac 3.

2 COMMUNICATIONS: Copy, CDF Command 4 Tone 8 and Tac 3,  
3 CDF Tac 3.

4 OPERATIONS: Operations, copy, thanks.

5 IC: Operations, IC, on Command.

6 OPERATIONS: IC, go ahead, Ops.

7 IC: Can they get the -- do you have the state order for  
8 tomorrow for resources for the next operational period?

9 OPERATIONS: Negative. I have resources going out  
10 checking with the branches right now. You'll have to give me 10,  
11 15 minutes anyway.

12 IC: Copy.

13 SOUTH BRANCH: Ops from South Branch.

14 OPERATIONS: South Branch, go ahead.

15 SOUTH BRANCH: For the next operational period, we'll  
16 need (indiscernible) engines, and we're ready to cycle people out  
17 of here but we will need a pickup truck, if you have it, so we can  
18 send them up to rehab.

19 OPERATIONS: South Branch from Operations on 31.

20 SOUTH BRANCH: This is South Branch.

21 OPERATIONS: I'm going to send down a relief crew.  
22 You're going to get three engines and a truck down there, and  
23 Chief Parr (ph.) is going to come down to relieve your crews to  
24 get them up to rehab for a little bit. Confirm with him that  
25 that's enough resources for your branch.

1 SOUTH BRANCH: Three engines and a truck will be fine  
2 for my branch.

3 OPERATIONS: Copy that. Advise if you want me to get  
4 some type of shuttle to get these folks up.

5 SOUTH BRANCH: That's affirmative. They will need a  
6 shuttle. It's a long climb up the hill. These guys have been  
7 working hard.

8 OPERATIONS: Logistics from Operations on 31.

9 SOUTH BRANCH: Ops from South Branch. I want you to  
10 know that Engine 35 went to one of the other branches. They are  
11 not in my branch.

12 OPERATIONS: Okay. Do you know what branch they went  
13 to?

14 SOUTH BRANCH: That's negative.

15 WEST BRANCH: Ops, West Branch.

16 OPERATIONS: West Branch, go ahead.

17 IC from Operations on 31.

18 WEST BRANCH: Operations, West Branch.

19 OPERATIONS: West Branch, go ahead.

20 WEST BRANCH: Yeah, Water Tender (indiscernible) went  
21 with them also.

22 OPERATIONS: Confirming you had a water tender also with  
23 you?

24 WEST BRANCH: Affirmative.

25 OPERATIONS: Copy that. Can they be used on the Earl



1 Division?

2 WEST BRANCH: Yeah, yeah, we'll use them down there.

3 SAN BRUNO TASKFORCE 1: San Bruno Taskforce 1 to  
4 Wildland Branch on Command 31.

5 OPERATIONS: IC from Operations on 31.

6 IC: Operations, IC, do you have traffic?

7 OPERATIONS: That's affirm. Is there any possibility  
8 for us to get some type of shuttle to get the rehab for the units  
9 that are working in the South Branch, up and down the hill? All  
10 the engines are blocked in.

11 IC: Operations, IC, I couldn't copy. Could you repeat?

12 OPERATIONS: Yeah, is it possible that there's some --  
13 logistics can get us, we need some type of van or shuttle or  
14 pickup truck to get these firefighters from the hill up from  
15 rehab. They can't get their engines out. We're just rotating  
16 crews, using the same engines.

17 IC: Copy. Do you want them to come to your location or  
18 another location?

19 OPERATIONS: Actually when they come to the South  
20 Branch, they'll pass right by here.

21 IC: All right. Copy. Let me get with logistics and  
22 see if we can get them to come. I'll have them come to your  
23 location and then you can give them directions from there.

24 OPERATIONS: Perfect. Thank you.

25 IC: I'll get back to you on ETA and confirm that we've

1 got that coming toward you.

2 OPERATIONS: Copy that. Thank you.

3 WILDLAND BRANCH: San Bruno Taskforce 1, Wildland Branch  
4 on Command 31.

5 IC: Wildland Branch, IC on Command 31.

6 OPERATIONS: South Branch from Operations on 31.

7 SOUTH BRANCH: This is South Branch on 31.

8 OPERATIONS: Do you have any need? We have a water  
9 tender here? Do you have any need for them?

10 SOUTH BRANCH: Not at this moment.

11 OPERATIONS: Copy that.

12 North Branch from Operations on 31.

13 STAGING: Operations, staging, on Command 31.

14 OPERATIONS: Go ahead, staging.

15 STAGING: I have a water tender from Al Co that just  
16 arrived and I also have a crew cab pickup with a driver here  
17 available if needed.

18 OPERATIONS: Copy that.

19 Battalion 16, Operations on 31.

20 IC: Operations, IC, on Command.

21 OPERATIONS: Go ahead, Operations, IC.

22 IC: Battalion 1613 is going to come to your location,  
23 and he'll go ahead and take care of that detail for you, and are  
24 you aware of some drop points out there that's been established  
25 for rehab supplies, drinks and so forth?

1 OPERATIONS: I'm not aware of the exact locations. I  
2 know they're somewhere south. We do have that.

3 IC: Copy. When Battalion 1613 gets there, he'll handle  
4 logistics along with Chief 8, and maybe he can give you some of  
5 that information, but he's en route now to meet up with you.

6 OPERATIONS: Copy that.

7 North Branch, Operations on 31.

8 NORTH BRANCH: North Branch, go ahead.

9 OPERATIONS: Were you able to meet up with  
10 (indiscernible)?

11 NORTH BRANCH: That's affirm. I'm with him now.

12 OPERATIONS: Copy. I'll leave you guys alone.

13 IC: Wildland Branch, IC on Command.

14 SOUTH BRANCH: Operations, South Branch.

15 LOGISTICS: Operations, Logistics.

16 SOUTH BRANCH: Operations, this is South Branch.

17 OPERATIONS: Traffic for Operations.

18 SOUTH BRANCH: This is South Branch. Battalion Chief  
19 Parr has taken over South Branch. We have Engine 37, 38, 35,  
20 Truck 28, and we have Water Tender 8, but we don't need him. So  
21 if you want to reassign him.

22 OPERATIONS: Operations, copy. Can you send the water  
23 tender up to staging.

24 SOUTH BRANCH: Copy.

25 LOGISTICS: Operations, Logistics. Operations,

1 Logistics.

2 STAGING: Communications, staging on Command 31.

3 COMMUNICATIONS: Go ahead, Communications.

4 STAGING: We're down here in the parking lot and the  
5 lights went out down here. We could use a light unit down here  
6 for some lighting in the staging area.

7 COMMUNICATIONS: Okay. And if we get the lights turned  
8 back on, would that solve the problem or do you still need a  
9 separate lighting unit?

10 STAGING: We're going to need a separate light unit.  
11 We've already spoken with Shopping Center managers. Some of their  
12 lights are going to stay on. We may look at repositioning as  
13 well, just to see if we can get some better lighting.

14 COMMUNICATIONS: Copy that.

15 LOGISTICS: Staging, Logistics.

16 STAGING: Go ahead. Go ahead to staging.

17 COMMUNICATIONS: Tanforan staging from Communications.

18 TANFORAN STAGING: Go ahead to staging.

19 COMMUNICATIONS: Just confirm you have approximately 70  
20 personnel there.

21 BATTALION 16: Operations, Battalion 16, on Command.

22 OPERATIONS: Battalion 16, is that for Operations? West  
23 Branch, Battalion 16, Operations on 31.

24 TANFORAN STAGING: Communications from staging. That  
25 will be affirmative on 70 personnel.

1           COMMUNICATIONS: 10-4. Apparently (indiscernible) was  
2 dispatched to your location. I try and get an update.

3           TANFORAN STAGING: Copy that.

4           Communications from staging.

5           COMMUNICATIONS: Go ahead, Communications.

6           TANFORAN STAGING: Do you have an ETA on the port-a-  
7 potties to our location?

8           COMMUNICATIONS: Standby.

9           WILDLAND BRANCH: Communications, Wildland Branch on  
10 Command 31.

11           COMMUNICATIONS: Wildland Branch, go ahead,  
12 Communications.

13           WILDLAND BRANCH: For your information, Command 4 Tone 8  
14 is not working on the (indiscernible). We're not getting a  
15 repeater.

16           COMMUNICATIONS: Copy that.

17           WILDLAND BRANCH: If you could relay that to Chief  
18 (indiscernible).

19           COMMUNICATIONS: I will do that. Thank you.

20           IC: Wildland Branch, IC on Command.

21           WILDLAND BRANCH: Go ahead.

22           IC: I need the resource order for state resources for  
23 tomorrow.

24           WILDLAND BRANCH: Okay. I already gave it to Ops. Two  
25 strike teams of Charlies and one strike team of crews.

1 IC: Copy that.

2 COMMUNICATIONS: IC, did you copy the message regarding  
3 Command 4 Tac 8 not working?

4 IC: Affirmative, thanks.

5 BATTALION 16: Operations, Battalion 16 on Command 31.  
6 Operations, Battalion 16 on Command 31.

7 OPERATIONS: Battalion 16, go ahead to Operations.

8 BATTALION 16: I'll have your information in about five  
9 minutes. The North Branch needs fuel trucks that are mobile, that  
10 can get right to the engines that are locked in, pumping to the  
11 structures.

12 OPERATIONS: Copy that, Joe. And also additionally, on  
13 rehab and resources for that branch, can you give me some idea?

14 BATTALION 16: Yeah, I have a good -- actually, I'll be  
15 there in five. I'm driving right now.

16 OPERATIONS: Copy that.

17 Staging from Operations on 31.

18 STAGING: Go ahead to staging.

19 OPERATIONS: As far as your fuel tenders, do you have  
20 them mobile enough to get down streets, the fuel tenders? Are  
21 they on pickup trucks?

22 STAGING: There's no fuel tenders in staging right now.

23 OPERATIONS: Copy.

24 SOUTH BRANCH: Operations, South Branch. Operations,  
25 South Branch.

1 OPERATIONS: South Branch, go ahead.

2 SOUTH BRANCH: What's the address of staging?

3 OPERATIONS: Are you looking for the address of staging?

4 SOUTH BRANCH: Yeah, the water tender needs to know  
5 where to go.

6 OPERATIONS: 1150 El Camino, 1150 El Camino at the  
7 Tanforan Mall.

8 SOUTH BRANCH: Copy.

9 OPERATIONS: Staging from Operations on 31.

10 STAGING: Go ahead.

11 OPERATIONS: Can you give me a rundown of what you have  
12 in staging right now?

13 NORTH BRANCH: Operations, North Branch, I hate to cut  
14 in. Clear to copy.

15 OPERATIONS: North Branch, go ahead.

16 NORTH BRANCH: I've got crews on Division Bravo which  
17 was Division 21 Claremont and Fairmont that never received any  
18 food or refreshments. Do we still have a fire bus still on scene  
19 that can handle that for us?

20 OPERATIONS: We're getting a lunch order right now. If  
21 you can give me a number. Do you need 50 lunches over there?  
22 Will that do it?

23 NORTH BRANCH: You better make it 60.

24 OPERATIONS: Copy that, 60, and we'll drop them off at  
25 your location?

1 NORTH BRANCH: That will be fine. Thanks.

2 MEDICAL GROUP: Ops from Medical Group. Are you guys  
3 coming up here for those sandwiches?

4 IC: Operations, IC on Command.

5 OPERATIONS: Go ahead, Operations.

6 IC: Operations, IC. Just for your information, the San  
7 Francisco crash unit has been released, and I'll advise the  
8 resource unit of that.

9 OPERATIONS: Copy that. North Branch wasn't able to get  
10 access for them. So I think we'll be all right once we  
11 (indiscernible).

12 IC: Copy.

13 MEDICAL GROUP: Ops from Medical Group. Do you want to  
14 come up here for those sandwiches? Do you want me to get them  
15 ready for you?

16 LOGISTICS: Operations, Logistics.

17 OPERATIONS: Logistics, go ahead.

18 LOGISTICS: Yeah, San Bruno Water personnel are still  
19 waiting for word on how you want to get this shuttle going.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Standby (indiscernible).

21 LOGISTICS: Operations, Logistics.

22 OPERATIONS: Logistics, if you can hold for one second,  
23 I'd appreciate it.

24 North Branch from Operations on 31.

25 NORTH BRANCH: Ops, go ahead, North.



1           OPERATIONS: Bob, we're going to be here for a while.  
2 Is it possible, do you have the ability to start rotating like  
3 four companies out to rehab for some break?

4           NORTH BRANCH: Yeah, I copy that. I have one from I  
5 believe it was Engine 61 that's going to be transported. He went  
6 to rehab and he needs to be evaluated over at the hospital. I  
7 don't have a name yet. I'll get that ASAP.

8           OPERATIONS: Copy that. I was going to have him go to  
9 Medical Group. Just let me know if you need them to respond to  
10 your area.

11          NORTH BRANCH: Copy.

12          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Operations, (indiscernible).

13          OPERATIONS: Earl Division from Operations on 31.

14          NORTH BRANCH: This is North Division. Standby.

15          COMMUNICATIONS: Operations from Communications on  
16 Command 31. Operations from Communications on Command 31.

17          OPERATIONS: Communications, go ahead, Operations.

18          COMMUNICATIONS: Do you know if the San Bruno Water  
19 resources that are located at Sneath and Earl are still needed for  
20 the water shuttle?

21          OPERATIONS: Let me see if I can -- I'm trying to get a  
22 hold of -- I'll try to get a hold of Wildland Branch to see. They  
23 were assigned to Wildland Branch.

24          Wildland Branch from Operations on 31.

25          IC: Operations, IC on 31.

1 OPERATIONS: Traffic for Operations.

2 IC: Affirmative, ETA on that resource order.

3 OPERATIONS: What resource order was that?

4 IC: For tomorrow's operational period.

5 OPERATIONS: That's affirmative. We're just a few  
6 minutes away from that. We're just working out the numbers right  
7 now.

8 IC: Copy. Also I made contact with the Wildland  
9 Branch. He does not see a need for the Strike Team 9150 Charlie  
10 which is a Marin County strike team. Do you foresee any need for  
11 them in this operational period or can we release them?

12 OPERATIONS: Negative. I don't think we need them for  
13 this operational period, and their division or their branch has  
14 already done their resource order from the next operational  
15 period.

16 IC: Okay. I'm going to go ahead and release them then.  
17 Thanks. Also --

18 NORTH BRANCH: Operations, North Branch.

19 OPERATIONS: North Branch, go ahead.

20 NORTH BRANCH: We have one firefighter from Engine 61,  
21 going to Kaiser South San Francisco for evaluation, and now we  
22 have a report of possible three more. I'll relay that information  
23 as I get it.

24 OPERATIONS: Copy that. Advise if you need transport to  
25 come to you.

1 NORTH BRANCH: Copy. I'm coordinating with the Med  
2 Group rehab area right now.

3 COMMUNICATIONS: Operations from Communications on  
4 Command 31.

5 OPERATIONS: Go ahead, Communications, Operations.

6 COMMUNICATIONS: I need to get a status for direction  
7 for the fuel tanker at Station 52.

8 OPERATIONS: Copy that. Do we know what type of fuel  
9 tanker that is, if it's a pickup truck or if it's a full size  
10 tanker?

11 COMMUNICATIONS: I believe it's a Cut Point fuel tender.

12 OPERATIONS: Copy. I might go ahead to Logistics and  
13 see if we -- because of the streets and access, we'll probably  
14 need some pickup trucks now as fuel tenders.

15 COMMUNICATIONS: Copy. So you need me to relay that  
16 information back to Logistics?

17 OPERATIONS: That's affirm.

18 Logistics from Operations on 31.

19 IC: Operations, IC on Command.

20 OPERATIONS: Go ahead, Operations.

21 IC: Two things. One, we have a resident in the 2400  
22 block of Trenton who needs to get some medication. Are you good  
23 with sending in PD to escort him to get the medication and get him  
24 out of there?

25 OPERATIONS: I'm sure I'm going to be -- let me just

1 look up on the map where 2400 Trenton is. Is it any hazard for  
2 them to go in there?

3 IC: Yeah, I'm not sure. That's what I need you to  
4 check on. The second thing is that do we have any safety officers  
5 in play?

6 OPERATIONS: That's affirmative. We do have safety  
7 officers on scene.

8 IC: Copy. Thanks. Just advise if we have a green  
9 light to send PD in there.

10 MEDICAL GROUP: Calling from Medical Group. Trenton is  
11 on the other side of the incident, sort of on the other side of  
12 the Command, the IC.

13 IC: So we're good with that.

14 OPERATIONS: Is that for operations? I'm sorry. It  
15 looks like 2400 Trenton is going to be out of the fire area. I  
16 believe we're going to be okay sending PD in there to get the  
17 medications.

18 IC: Copy. Thanks. We'll go ahead and send them out.

19 OPERATIONS: Copy, thank you.

20 NORTH BRANCH: Operations, North Branch.

21 OPERATIONS: North Branch, go ahead.

22 NORTH BRANCH: This is a confirmation. We have three  
23 firefighters being transported to Kaiser South San Francisco. Two  
24 of them are with AMR, F O U 21. One patient is with S O U 23.  
25 Again, all are going to Kaiser South San Francisco. We have names

1 but we're not to say them over the air unless you want me to.

2 OPERATIONS: Negative. Can you tell me the companies  
3 they're with?

4 NORTH BRANCH: Engine 61 with two, Engine 64, I'm sorry,  
5 Engine 61 with one, Engine 64 with two.

6 OPERATIONS: Copy. 61 with one and 64 with two. Also,  
7 when you get a chance, if you can, let me know if you're going to  
8 be able to get those companies rotated out for some rehab, maybe  
9 four companies, five companies at a time, if you can afford to do  
10 that, and secondly, I will send the San Francisco fuel tender over  
11 to your area. I don't know what their access is going to be but  
12 I'll try to get them over in your area and maybe you can start  
13 getting some fuel.

14 NORTH BRANCH: I think we have fairly good access now.  
15 We had several cars towed, and if we can notify K17 of the  
16 individuals being transported.

17 IC: Operations, IC.

18 OPERATIONS: IC, go ahead.

19 IC: I didn't copy all that traffic on the firefighters.  
20 Would you repeat it?

21 OPERATIONS: We have three firefighters being  
22 transported to Kaiser South City. We haven't put the names over  
23 the air yet. One firefighter from Engine 61 and two firefighters  
24 from Engine 64.

25 IC: Copy. Additionally, where do you have your safety

1 officers placed?

2 OPERATIONS: I'm working on that now. I'm going to try  
3 to get one in each branch.

4 IC: Copy. Would you have -- when you get the safety  
5 assigned, have them go to the location where the firefighter  
6 injuries occurred, and then have them handle the information  
7 regarding the incident or the event.

8 OPERATIONS: That's affirm.

9 IC: And then just get back to me with those details,  
10 and then I copied also your need for a notification. Do you want  
11 me to have Communications handle that?

12 OPERATIONS: Copy that. I'm going to get a safety  
13 officer over to talk to that branch right now.

14 IC: Copy. Is there something you need done as far as  
15 additional notification? I'll pass that onto Communications.

16 OPERATIONS: I'm sorry. I missed your traffic. An  
17 engine just parked right next to us.

18 IC: As far as the firefighters, is there additional  
19 notifications that you think need to be made, and if so, I'll ask  
20 Communications if they could take care of that for you?

21 OPERATIONS: Copy that. Give us five minutes and I'll  
22 get over there and advise of that. They appear to be -- it sounds  
23 like smoke inhalation.

24 IC: IC, copy.

25 COMMUNICATIONS: Tanforan staging from Communications.

1 TANFORAN STAGING: Go ahead, staging.

2 COMMUNICATIONS: Can you advise if Chief 20B, boy, is at  
3 Tanforan staging?

4 TANFORAN STAGING: That's negative on Chief 20 Boy.

5 COMMUNICATIONS: Copy that, Tanforan staging. 10-4.

6 OPERATIONS: North Branch from Operations on 31.

7 NORTH BRANCH: North Branch, go.

8 OPERATIONS: Do you have a safety officer with you in  
9 your branch right now?

10 NORTH BRANCH: Negative.

11 OPERATIONS: Copy that. I'll send you one.

12 NORTH BRANCH: Copy. Thank you.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (indiscernible) Ops to North  
14 Branch. Do we have a par for 9161 Charlie?

15 OPERATIONS: Standby. I do think we do.

16 North Branch from Operations on 31.

17 NORTH BRANCH: Go ahead.

18 OPERATIONS: 9161 is apparently in your branch.

19 NORTH BRANCH: Yeah, I've got them at Wildland Branch  
20 call and just wanted to know what companies were with him, and I  
21 don't know.

22 OPERATIONS: Copy that. We'll try to get that.

23 All branches working out of Tanforan from Operations.  
24 The gas has been secured for the area. The gas has been secured  
25 for the area, maybe up to 20 minutes until the residual's out.

1 SOUTH BRANCH: South Branch copies.

2 OPERATIONS: Communications from Operations on 31.

3 COMMUNICATIONS: Go ahead to Communications.

4 OPERATIONS: Do you have -- we have 9161 Strike Team,  
5 9161. Do we have confirmation on the companies and their  
6 designators?

7 COMMUNICATIONS: I believe I have a partial list.  
8 (indiscernible). I have Engine 1664, Engine 1660, Engine 1684 and  
9 Engine 1772. I'll try to get (indiscernible).

10 Operations from Communications. I need to check on the  
11 water shuttle update.

12 OPERATIONS: I think right now we're okay on water  
13 tenders. I think both branches that have active fires have water  
14 tenders, local water tenders with them.

15 COMMUNICATIONS: Okay. So we can release the water  
16 shuttles that were sent by Public Works?

17 OPERATIONS: Negative. I don't want to release them.  
18 I'll check with staging how many we have because we're sort of  
19 going in for an overhaul. We're going to need water tenders.

20 COMMUNICATIONS: Okay. Just to confirm, you understand  
21 this is a water shuttle and not water tenders from Public Works.

22 OPERATIONS: Yeah, we have the water tenders here. You  
23 can release the water shuttle.

24 COMMUNICATIONS: Copy. Thank you.

25 Operations from Communications. Operations from



1 Communications on Command 31.

2 OPERATIONS: Communications, go ahead to Ops.

3 COMMUNICATIONS: For planning for tomorrow, we have  
4 three tactical channels, base division.

5 OPERATIONS: Was that three or we could use three.

6 COMMUNICATIONS: Will three tactical channels be  
7 sufficient or do we need more?

8 OPERATIONS: No, three will be fine.

9 COMMUNICATIONS: Copy that.

10 IC: Operations, IC on Command.

11 OPERATIONS: IC, go ahead to Operations.

12 IC: In regards to the firefighter injuries, confirm  
13 they're on South City Engine 6 1 and Engine 6 4. Is that correct?

14 OPERATIONS: That's correct. And we have a safety  
15 officer going over there to confirm the injuries with the branch.

16 IC: Staging, IC, on Command.

17 STAGING: Go ahead to staging.

18 IC: We're going to release the Strike Team 9150  
19 Charlie. Have them come up on (indiscernible) and I think they're  
20 going to get released back to MRN.

21 STAGING: Copy, 9150 is going to be released.

22 COMMUNICATIONS: Operations from Communications on  
23 Command 31. Operations from Communications on Command 31.

24 OPERATIONS: Communications, go ahead.

25 COMMUNICATIONS: Can you confirm that the East Branch

1 was absorbed by North?

2 OPERATIONS: East Branch -- West Branch is no longer.  
3 West Branch is no longer. West Branch moved into the South. Earl  
4 Division is still in effect.

5 COMMUNICATIONS: And Earl was part of which branch?

6 OPERATIONS: Earl was part of West Branch.

7 COMMUNICATIONS: Okay. So West Branch was dissolved  
8 into the South, and Earl Division is still separate and on its  
9 own.

10 OPERATIONS: Yeah, Earl, I'm going to put Earl on the  
11 South Branch. I'll move Earl to the South Branch. Earl Division  
12 will go to the South Branch.

13 COMMUNICATIONS: Copy that. So the remaining branches  
14 are South, North and East.

15 OPERATIONS: Earl Division from Operations on 31.

16 South Branch from Operations on 31.

17 SOUTH BRANCH: Go ahead.

18 OPERATIONS: You had Earl Division when you were in the  
19 West. I want to go ahead and have Earl Division report to you, if  
20 you can make contact. I don't know if they're Tac 35 or not.

21 SOUTH BRANCH: I'll have a face-to-face.

22 OPERATIONS: Copy that. They'll be reporting to you.

23 STAGING: Communications, staging.

24 COMMUNICATIONS: Go ahead to Communications.

25 STAGING: Any word on the portable toilets? We've got a

1 lot of strike teams coming in.

2           COMMUNICATIONS: Logistics, Communications. Logistics,  
3 Communications.

4           Tanforan staging, I'll work on trying to get an update.

5           STAGING: Copy, and I have some new equipment that came  
6 into staging if you guys need it.

7           COMMUNICATIONS: Go ahead.

8           STAGING: I still have San Francisco Hose Tender 22. I  
9 have Al Co Water Tender 16, Local County Water Tender 5692, San  
10 Mateo County Water Tender 8, Tam Park's Water Tender 44 and East  
11 Bay Park's Water Tender 5693.

12           COMMUNICATIONS: Copy. Thank you.

13           TANFORAN STAGING: Communications. Communications,  
14 staging.

15           COMMUNICATIONS: Tanforan staging, go ahead to  
16 Communications.

17           TANFORAN STAGING: I have a couple of more that are  
18 still here. Engine 1763, Engine 1765 or excuse me, 66, Engine  
19 1744. And I have (indiscernible) 5 and I've got 9142 Gold.

20           COMMUNICATIONS: Just repeat the last one.

21           OPERATIONS: IC from Operations on 31.

22           COMMUNICATIONS: Tanforan staging, if you could just  
23 report that unit.

24           TANFORAN STAGING: 9142 Gold.

25           COMMUNICATIONS: Copy. Thank you.

1 NORTH BRANCH: Operations, North Branch.

2 OPERATIONS: North Branch, go ahead.

3 NORTH BRANCH: Just a status report or more of a  
4 question. Since the gas has been shut off, most of these fires  
5 have gone out. We just have a few spot fires in some of the  
6 dwellings. Disregard. I've got Battalion 16 with me. I'll check  
7 with him.

8 OPERATIONS: Copy that. I'll figure out what resources  
9 you need for the next couple of hours.

10 IC from Operations on 31. IC from Operations on 31.

11 Communications from Operations on 31.

12 COMMUNICATIONS: Go ahead to Communications.

13 OPERATIONS: Just for information, we have self-  
14 dispatched San Francisco Taskforce Engine 15, Engine 42, Engine  
15 44, Truck 15, Battalion 9, who have been released.

16 COMMUNICATIONS: Can you repeat the units? I've got San  
17 Francisco Engine 15, Engine 42.

18 OPERATIONS: It'll be Engine 15, Engine 42, Engine 44,  
19 Truck 15, and a battalion chief. We don't have the Battalion's  
20 identifier.

21 COMMUNICATIONS: Copy that, and they're being released,  
22 confirm.

23 OPERATIONS: That's affirmative. They were sent home.  
24 They were dispatched on their own and they've completed their  
25 assignment on South Branch.

1           COMMUNICATIONS: Copy that. And can you confirm that  
2 status of the East Branch? Was that absorbed by North or is it  
3 still intact?

4           OPERATIONS: East Branch is still intact. I made  
5 contact with them, and they have resource up there that's required  
6 on their branch. So we'll have to get with the IC eventually to  
7 find out. I didn't know if Tanforan staging is going to maintain  
8 down there or if we're going to try to move it up here and get  
9 some units rotated from rehab to staging so we can get the units  
10 rotated.

11           COMMUNICATIONS: Copy that. IC, copy.

12           Tanforan staging from Communications.

13           TANFORAN STAGING: Operations, go ahead.

14           COMMUNICATIONS: Tanforan staging from Communications.

15           TANFORAN STAGING: Go ahead, staging.

16           COMMUNICATIONS: ETA five minutes on the port-a-potties.

17           TANFORAN STAGING: Staging, copy. Thank you.

18           NORTH BRANCH: Operations, North Branch.

19           OPERATIONS: North Branch, go ahead.

20           NORTH BRANCH: Yeah, counts on the lunches needed will  
21 be closer to 90.

22           OPERATIONS: Copy that, 90 lunches for the North Branch.

23           NORTH BRANCH: Copy, and the drop point will be 1150  
24 Fairmont.

25           OPERATIONS: Drop point, 1150 Fairmont, copy.

1 MEDICAL GROUP: Ops from Medical Group.

2 OPERATIONS: Go ahead to Ops.

3 MEDICAL GROUP: Can you get (indiscernible) touch base  
4 when CIS (indiscernible) gets here? We have a couple of people  
5 from the first responder side, AMR, that are going to need some.

6 OPERATIONS: Copy that. If you can talk to Deputy  
7 Officer Lavezzo and give him that information, he can bring that  
8 back down to us.

9 MEDICAL GROUP: Copy that. I can see him walking over  
10 to the command post. I will check.

11 OPERATIONS: Thank you. IC from Ops.

12 South Branch from Operations on 31. South Branch from  
13 Operations on 31.

14 Battalion 1613 from Operations on 31.

15 BATTALION 16: Operations, Battalion 16, go ahead.

16 OPERATIONS: I'm looking for Battalion 1613, 1 6 1 3.

17 BATTALION 16: Copy, Battalion 1 6 1 3, we'll be looking  
18 for them.

19 Operations, Battalion 16, I've got some information for  
20 a resource order for North Branch tomorrow.

21 OPERATIONS: Copy that. Go ahead with your orders for  
22 tomorrow.

23 BATTALION 16: We want an exact replica, except for the  
24 Charlie strike teams which are four of them that we have. We can  
25 go ahead and release them tomorrow at 8:00 and we need no

1 replacement for them.

2 OPERATIONS: Okay. One more time, Joe. You got  
3 covered.

4 BATTALION 16: Yeah, we want -- the resources we  
5 currently have, we want all except for the strike teams. We do  
6 not need the four strike teams that we had assigned to us earlier.  
7 They do not have to be replaced tomorrow.

8 OPERATIONS: Copy that. So all resources assigned are  
9 local resources minus the strike teams that are assigned to you  
10 and do you have a demo plan for those strike teams?

11 BATTALION 16: At 8:00 tomorrow, we plan on releasing  
12 them. We also have a drop off point for lunches, which is at the  
13 North Branch site which is at 1150 Fairmont.

14 NORTH BRANCH: Operations, North Branch. Could you  
15 repeat that engine we're looking for one more time?

16 OPERATIONS: We're looking for Battalion 1613, Battalion  
17 1613. (indiscernible) Logistics. They need them at the command  
18 post.

19 NORTH BRANCH: Copy, Battalion 1613.

20 OPERATIONS: North Branch from Operations. There is a  
21 drop point already established right now at Earl and Glenview.  
22 We'll let you know when food is going to be there. You're going  
23 to have to let us know if you want somebody to shuttle food down  
24 closer to you, but that's where the drop point is established.

25 NORTH BRANCH: That's affirmative. We do need somebody

1 to shuttle. That's a pretty good walk. If they could shuttle it  
2 to that 1150 Fairmont location.

3 OPERATIONS: Copy that. We'll take care of that.

4 NORTH BRANCH: Operations, North Branch.

5 OPERATIONS: Operations, go ahead.

6 NORTH BRANCH: Yeah, Battalion 1613 was at this location  
7 about five minutes ago. We're going to try to contact them. Do  
8 you want him to contact Ops or report somewhere else?

9 OPERATIONS: If you get a hold of them, just report to  
10 the command post.

11 NORTH BRANCH: Copy.

12 OPERATIONS: Joe, if you can go ahead and give me a call  
13 on my cell phone and advise me of the injuries.

14 North Branch from Operations on 31.

15 **(TALKING CLOCK: Ending date Thursday, September 9,**  
16 **2010, at 23 hours, 59 minutes and 57 seconds.)**

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