



# EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

**For Immediate Release: Sunday, March 2, 2025**

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** 02/27/2025

**Nature of Occurrence:** Fire Captain and Firefighter Injured While Fighting House Fire

**Location:** Lonesome Dove Court, Shingle Springs

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Shingle Springs, CA (March 2, 2025) – On Thursday night, a Fire Captain and Firefighter from the El Dorado County Fire Protection District were injured while battling a residential fire on Lonesome Dove Court in El Dorado County. During firefighting operations, the Fire Captain sustained serious burn injuries and was subsequently transported to UC Davis Medical Center for treatment. The Firefighter sustained a minor leg injury and was transported to Mercy Hospital of Folsom and later released that evening.

The house fire was initially reported as a chimney fire at 9:17 PM on Thursday, February 27. Engine 28, where the injured Fire Captain and Firefighter were assigned, arrived and found a fire that had spread to the attic of the home. The initial arriving engines began fire attack while additionally requested resources were enroute. Fire conditions rapidly changed in the home and the crew was engulfed in fire, injuring the two. The fire was later extinguished. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

At present, the Fire Captain's condition is stable, though his injuries are serious. He is receiving care at the UC Davis Firefighters Burn Institute Regional Burn Center. The Fire Captain and his family are receiving necessary support from the Fire District, El Dorado County Professional Firefighters Association, Firefighters Burn Institute, and the IAFF Foundation Burn Fund. The Fire Captain is receiving expert care at the burn center.

We wish to inform our fellow fire agencies that assistance is not required currently, as our teams are managing the situation and providing full support to the injured firefighter and his family. We kindly ask that you keep the Fire Captain in your thoughts as he undergoes treatment.

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