CODING CORNER: BRUSH PILE FIRES

These directions should be used for brush piles that are handled by your department. These piles can consist of trees, grass, weeds, etc. If the pile fire results in structure or pasture catching fire, those would be submitted as Exposure reports.

These incidents must include, at minimum, a Basic module and a Fire module. Completing an Apparatus/Personnel is optional but highly encouraged.

If a Civilian Fire Casualty (injury or fatality) occurs due to the fire and YOU are the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for the incident, you are responsible for completing one Civilian Fire Casualty Module per civilian.

If a Fire Service Casualty (injury or fatality) from your department occurs, a Fire Service Casualty module is mandatory.

Incident Type: 151 – Outside rubbish, trash, or waste fire

Examples of Action(s) Taken:

11 – Extinguish
87 – Investigate, fire out on arrival

Basic Module

The below area all required fields when completing the Basic Module, but it is always recommended to fill out all fields for a comprehensive incident report.

- Alarm, Arrival, and Last Unit Cleared dates/times
- Mutual Aid (See ‘Mutual Aid’ reference sheet for more information)
- Resources (Complete an Apparatus/Personnel module for more detail)
- Estimated Dollar Losses & Values are estimates, and are required for all fires
- Property Use

Fire Module

The below are all required sections/fields when completing the Fire module, but it is always recommended to fill out all fields for a comprehensive incident report.

- Number of Residential Units is only required if the Property Use section of the Basic Module is coded in the 400-series codes.
- On-Site Materials or Products –and- On-Site Materials Storage Use is only required if the Property Use section of the Basic Module was coded in the 500, 600, 700, or 800-series codes.
- Section D – Ignition, which includes Area of Fire Origin, Heat Source, Item First Ignited, and Type of Material First Ignited.
- Section E – Cause of Ignition, which includes Cause of Ignition, Factors Contributing to Ignition, and Human Factors Contributing to Ignition.