

Northshore Fire prepares to send engine to Santa Clara County

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NORTHSHORE – Local firefighters may once again be on their way out of the county to assist with fighting a wildfire.

The state Office of Emergency Services put out a call for firefighters to fight a new fire that broke out in Santa Clara County on Wednesday, said Northshore Fire Protection District Chief Jim Robbins.

On Wednesday afternoon at around 2 p.m., Robbins had just received the call from the Office of Emergency Services and was getting an engine and three firefighters ready to leave Thursday morning.

The Northshore engine will be part of a five-engine strike team, with four other counties also sending an engine each, he said.

“They know we're strapped,” he said, so the Office of Emergency Services wasn't asking for any more than one engine per county.

Cal Fire firefighters were already headed south Wednesday afternoon, Robbins said.

How long the Northshore firefighters would be gone depended on the size of the fire, said Robbins.

So far this year local firefighters have worked on the Summit Fire in the Santa Cruz Mountains, the Humboldt Fire in Butte County and the Mendocino Lightning Complex.

In late June firefighters from all local fire districts were first on scene in the battle against the 14,500-acre Walker Fire, as Lake County News has reported.

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