CAL FIRE Beefing Up Staffing For Peak Fire Season

Governor Newsom recently announced, CAL FIRE is beefing up staffing for peak fire season. So far, California has seen more fires than average during the first six months of the year totaling over 4,100. Newsom says that thankfully most have been relatively small to this point, held to a couple acres. However, there is fear that this could change as the state enters the “peak season”. At this point last year there were around 2,500 wildfires to date. Newsom says 858 additional firefighters will be hired, through the month of October. It is partly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the additional staff that could be required for new safety measures, and during evacuations. Wildfire season this year carries an extra layer of danger as the state responds to the spread of fires and the ongoing health pandemic. Newsome added, “California is better prepared against the threat of wildfire today than any time in our history”.