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SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : 72 Hour Report Sailor Cap Incident



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To: Idaho State FMO
From: Twin Falls District Manager
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The Sailor Cap fire began on August 23 at approximately 1400 Hours on the Twin Falls District in Idaho. Two minor injury incidents occurred on this fire. This fire was in the proximity of the Clover fire of 2005, which burned approximately 200,000+ acres.

The first incident occurred at approximately 1700. While operating a nozzle during a running attack, the engine crewman was attempting to untangle two hose lines and the engine backed over his foot. An EMT crewmember stabilized the injury and the crewman was transported to a local hospital, treated and released. The foot was bruised and placed in a soft cast with the crewman returning to light duty.

The second incident occurred at approximately 1800. A contract dozer operator stopped next to the fire to unload his dozer. The dozer boss saw a switch in the wind direction causing rapid fire spread towards the operator. The dozer boss immediately drove to the operator and removed him from the area. The operator covered his face from the radiant heat with his hands receiving light burns. An EMT treated him on the incident, and the dozer boss transported the operator to a local hospital where he was treated and released for 1st degree burns to his face and some 2nd degree burns to his hands.