# Valley Fire

**Location of the Disaster**: Lake, Napa, and Sonoma Counties, California, USA

**Type of Disaster**: Wildfire

**Beginning date**: Septermber 12, 2015 [1]

**Ending date:** ongoing (September 26th)

**Time of the disaster:** ongoing from beginning

**Disaster details:**

As of September 26:

* 1,958 structures destroyed, including 1280 homes, 27 multi-family structures, 66 commercial properties and 585 other minor structures. [1]
* 93 additional structures damaged, 41 homes, 7 commercial properties, 45 other minor structures [1]
* 76,067 acres burned [1]
* 4 civilian fatalities [1]
* 4 firefighters injured [1]
* No cause known [1]
* 11,668 fire personnel, 140 Fire engines, 47 fire crews, 6 helicopters, 18 dozers and 4 water tenders. [1]
* Left roughly 3,000 people homeless [2]
* Cost estimated to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars [2] No official damage assessment has been completed at this time.
* Lake County expects to lose 2.1 million in property tax revenue per year due to the fire. [2]
* The fire was so violent and fast moving that early on, firefighters stopped trying to fight the blaze and moved to evacuate communities [2]

As of October 3rd:

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* 397 Fire personell, 15 fire engines, 10 fire crews, 4 helicopters, 3 dozers, 8 water tenders.
* They are in the mop up phase.
* Still no cost estimate.

**Mitigation:** Prepared evacuation plans. Education about fire safety. Many residents didn’t know they should evacuate until the fire was already on top of them despite notifications sent via reverse 911 calls. [2] Some phone lines were burned down before the emergency messages could be delivered [2]. A better emergency alert system could have helped mitigate this problem. 11,668 fire personnel, 140 Fire engines, 47 fire crews, 6 helicopters, 18 dozers and 4 water tenders attempted to contain the fire and mitigate the disaster. [1]

[1] <http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/incidents/incidents_details_info?incident_id=1226>

[2] <http://ww2.kqed.org/news/2015/09/13/valley-fire-forcing-residents-to-evacuate-injures-firefighters-in-lake-county>