

Colony Fire Update

August 4, 2022 11:00am

Size: 467 Acres

Containment: 50%

Location: North of Tolar, TX

Cause: Under Investigation

Start Date: August 3, 2022

Current Status:

Currently resources are working to mop-up, or extinguish any hot areas along the line. While dozer lines have been constructed around most of the fire any heat near the edge presents a risk for fire to jump the lines. All resources are working around the lines identifying these hot areas and will be focusing their efforts there. Resources will be on scene all day from both Texas A&M Forest Service and several Hood County Volunteer Fire Departments working on this fire.

Resources will be using an infrared drone to fly over several areas of the fire to scan and assist ground resources in their search for hot spots. While any aerial resources are in the area including agency drones, all residents are asked to avoid using drones in the area. Any time drones are in the area, Texas A&M Forest Service aerial resources have to be stood down.

Smoke will continue to be seen in the area as pockets of heat inside the lines continue to burn. These pockets don't present a threat to the line and will continue to smolder until they are burned up. Resources will secure all edges of the fire before they release the incident. Smokes may still rise in the area and residents should not be alarmed unless they see a new smoke in a different area, this ensures resources are available for new fire starts.

Evacuations and Closures:

At this time all road closures have been lifted. There are no evacuations at this time.

Safety and Notifications:

There have been three firefighters injured at this time. One of them received burns and was airlifted to Parkland Health Burn Unit in Dallas, Texas. He has since been released from the hospital and is recovering well. The other two firefighters suffered heat injuries and were treated on scene. No structures have been damaged at this time. There has been a fire truck damaged.