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MOFD firefighter suffers heart attack after wildfire deployment

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MOFD and ConFire crews at the Marsh Fire in July Photo courtesy Moraga-Orinda Firefighters
our bodies, especially during fire season."

Lambert himself was recently deployed at the Ferguson Fire, a 95,000-acre wildfire near Yosemite Valley, as a safety officer. Other MOFD personnel worked the Carr Fire, a 200,000-acre blaze in Shasta and Trinity counties, and crews from the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District were deployed to the Mendocino Complex fire, at 360,000 acres the largest fire in California recorded history.

ConFire Chief Jeff Carman told his advisory fire commission on Aug. 13 that the current fire season has already been record setting, and it has not yet fully matured. Fire officials say that fire seasons are growing longer and more intense with each passing year.

And more deadly.

"During my first week, we observed three moments of silence," Lambert said.

According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, this year some 12,500 firefighters have worked more than 940,000 acres of state fires, which have damaged or destroyed over 2,000 structures, and have pushed the 2018 death toll among firefighters to six.

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