MANAGING A DISASTER

The 2021 Caldor Fire

Barton Health

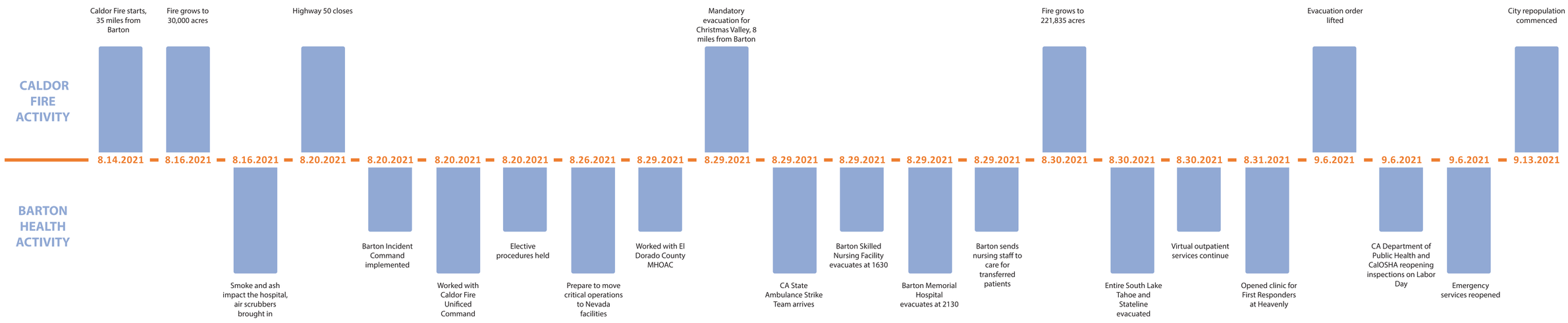
CALDOR FIRE BEST PRACTICES:

- Shut down air handlers to avoid pulling in smoke and ash.
- Use Hepa filters to manage smoke and ash.
- Cancel elective procedures.
- Reach out to potential receiving facilities before you need them.
- Send supplies with patients.
- Send staff with patients to care for them.
- Monitor air quality inside facility for staff safety.
- Daily Executive team call.
- Daily Unified Command briefings for all.
- Keep paying staff during the evacuation.
- Repurpose staff when able.
- Offered Urgent Care for first responders at Heavenly Ski area.
- Offer counseling for staff.
- Start planning for reopening immediately.
- Keep Engineers and Biomed on site to maintain facility and critical equipment.
- Notify regulatory agencies such as the state health department , OSHA, and the Joint Commission.
- Continue to care for Home, Health & Hospice patients.
- Keep community informed of available services.

LESSONS LEARNED:

- Capacity management is difficult-uncertain timeline and many factors impact this.
- Working with partners – all with staffing limitations due to COVID.
- Smoke and ash mitigation plan.
- Patient tracking challenges.
- Transportation limitations MOU's with transportation options is crucial.
- Staff living situations and availability during entire community evacuation. Many even went to other states.
- Complexities of rapidly re-opening a hospital while still under threat. No services in town when the hospital reopened.
- Hospital staff returned before services such as grocery stores, banks, and gas stations were opened.
- Maintain communication…with all involved.

CALDOR FIRE EVACUATION TIMELINE



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