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By the numbers: Cal Fire and military aircraft

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SUNDAY, Oct. 21

1 Cal Fire helicopter used six of its seven available flight hours

6 of 10 Cal Fire air tankers available at Southern California air attack bases used. High winds kept the six down more than half of available flight time.

0 military aircraft deployed

MONDAY, Oct. 22

1 Cal Fire helicopter used seven hours

7 of 10 available Cal Fire air tankers used about three-quarters of available flight hours

5 military aircraft flew 10 hours total. High winds, lack of staffing and tactical issues kept them on the ground most of the time.

TUESDAY, Oct. 23

1 Cal Fire helicopter used seven hours

10 Cal Fire air tankers in air less than two-thirds of their allotted hours because of tactical issues

15 military aircraft flew 72 hours

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 24

1 Cal Fire helicopter used five hours

10 Cal Fire air tankers flew about 70 percent of available flight time

16 military aircraft flew 81 hours; time lost because of tactical issues or while awaiting new orders.

THURSDAY, Oct. 25

1 Cal Fire helicopter used three hours

9 of 10 Cal Fire air tankers available flew 41 hours

20 military aircraft flew 84 hours, or 60 percent of their available flight time, because of tactical issues or while crews awaited new orders.

FRIDAY, Oct. 26

1 Cal Fire helicopter flew only one hour due to maintenance issues

10 Cal Fire air tankers flew 46 hours

15 military aircraft flew 49 hours, more than half available time spent awaiting next assignment.

SATURDAY, Oct. 27

1 Cal Fire helicopter flew one hour; six hours spent awaiting new orders

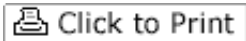
10 Cal Fire air tankers flew 16 hours

7 military aircraft flew 17 hours

Source: Cal Fire

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