

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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Photo courtesy of Cal Fire

I have no ambition in this world but one, and that is to be a fireman. The position may, in the eyes of some, appear to be a lowly one; but we who know the work which the fireman has to do believe that his is a noble calling. Our proudest moment is to save lives.

~Edward F. Croker

It has been a tough start to summer in Butte County, as residents are experiencing frightening images like this throughout the area. Tuesday, June 10, 2008 was the start of the most fires burning at one time in Northern California history. This resulted in several thousand firefighters risking their lives to save our community. It is their heroism that puts them *In the Spotlight*.

Because of the heroic efforts of these men and women, the Butte County fires are almost contained, and many residents are beginning to go back to their homes and lives.

Firefighters, volunteers, and county employees dedicated their time to help insure the safety and well being of the public and all those affected by this recent disaster in Butte County. It is enlightening to see so many people embrace their duty and obligation to their community.

To all the firefighters who joined the effort from California and neighboring states, your work does not go unnoticed. To those who helped provide support to the firefighters, your work is acknowledged. Thank you for helping keep Butte County, the "Land of Natural Wealth and Beauty."