



# SAFETY GRAM

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## Fatalities, Entrapments and Serious Accident Summary for 2010 (<http://www.nwccg.gov/branches/pre/rmc/>)

The following data indicate the fatalities, entrapments, burnovers and other life-threatening accidents associated with wildfire, wildland fire use and prescribed fire operations in calendar year 2009. The information was collected by the NWCCG Risk Management Committee, with confirmation of the fatalities from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Date	Incident Name Jurisdiction Location	Activity	Agency/Entity of Personnel Involved	Type of Accident	Number of People	# Shelters Deployed	Fatalities	Injuries
2/18	Feather River RX Burn Plumas NF CA	Prescribed Fire Igniting burn piles with a drip torch	Federal/FS	Burns Burns to right leg	1			FF suffered 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree burns to his right leg, 3% of body
3/1	Bay Road Nassau County FL	Driving Returning to station after fire suppression	State/ FL DOF	Driving Transport/tractor – plow unit left paved road and rollover	1			Driver sustained serious injuries & was transported to hospital
3/12	New River Gorge National River, NPS Oak Hill High School Oak Hill, WV	Work Capacity Test FF taking arduous duty Work Capacity Test	Federal/NPS	Medical FF experienced a cardiac related medical emergency during WCT	1			CPR & AED used, patient transported to regional hospital
4/7	Bradley Branch Fire Jackson County NC	Firefighting Spot fires caused loss of IA and fire ran toward a house	State/VFD	Burnover: 1 DFR engine; 1 VFD crew transport destroyed Medical: 3 VFD FF injured	3			1 FF suffered smoke inhalation; 1 FF received minor burns; 1 FF complained of chest pain; all treated and released

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4/10	Nellie Fire Walhonding Valley Fire District OH	Firefighting FF struck from behind by a burned-out falling tree	Coshocton City Fire Department	Hazard Tree Hit by a burned out tree	1			FF knocked unconscious, in serious condition, in intensive care unit
4/12	Road 22 Fire Peru KS	Firefighting FF overcome by smoke while assisting on brush fire	State/VFD	Medical Asphyxiation	1		1	FF transported to local hospital where efforts to assist him were unsuccessful
4/19	Birthday Fire BIA Crow Agency South Central, MT	Firefighting Struck by a hazard tree during suppression activities	Fed/BIA	Hazard Tree FF struck by hazard tree	1			FF transported by air ambulance to hospital with multiple trauma injuries
5/21	Upper Pole Creek RX Fire Vale District BLM OR	Firefighting A vertical vortex formed, moved toward personnel & UTVs	Fed/BLM	Property Damage Vortex debris struck 1UTV and another UTV hit a large rock	4			FF did not receive any injuries
6/6	Plug Hat Fire White River Field Office CO	Firefighting Vehicle parked in black and fire ignited in right duel wheel area	Fed/BLM	Property Damage IA vehicle parked sustained burn damage to right side	0			No injuries reported
6/23	Wahluke Slope Area Adams County Fire Protection District #5 Othello, WA	Firefighting Fire apparatus flipped over backwards and rolled 100 feet downhill	State /VFD	Driving Fire Chief was driving a modified Snowcat when it flipped over backward and rolled	2		1	Second FF transported to hospital treated and released for minor injuries
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>15</b>		<b>2</b>	

For calendar year 2010 there has been (2) fatalities.

Driving – 1-FF was driving a Snowcat modified as fire apparatus when it flipped over backward and rolled approximately 100 ft.

Entrapment/Burn over –

Medical Emergencies – 1-FF overcome by smoke on fire, transported to hospital where efforts to assist him were unsuccessful.

Hazard Tree/Snag –

Aviation –

Other –

The Risk Management Committee would like to request any Investigation Reports from agencies that experienced the above or other fatalities, entrapments, and major accidents in 2009 or previous years. Safety Gram reporting criteria can be found at <http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/rmc/safety-grams.htm>.

Please mail reports to the following address or email them to: [stan\\_palmer@nifc.blm.gov](mailto:stan_palmer@nifc.blm.gov).

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