



SAFETY GRAM

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Fatalities, Entrapments and Serious Accident Summary for 2012 (<http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/rmc/>)

The following data indicate the fatalities, entrapments, burn-overs and other life-threatening accidents and injuries associated with wildfire in calendar year 2012. The information was collected by the NWCG 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/Treatment
1/04	Cuesta Camp San Luis Obispo Unit Cal Fire CA	Training Physical Fitness	State/Cal Fire	Medical Emergency	1		1	
1/08	Unknown fire name State of Missouri, Forestry MO	Mop-Up	City/Marshfield Fire Department	Hazard Tree Falling limb (8" to 12")	1			FF received severe head injuries
2/28	Blue Eye Fire Southern Stone County AR	Initial Attack	State/Arkansas	Hazard Tree	1			FF found unconscious, transported to hospital
3/02	Prophetstown State Park Lafayette IN	Training WCT arduous	State/Indiana Department of Natural Resources	Medical Emergency Arterial blockage	1			FF collapsed on the trail, CPR & AED used to revive, then transported to hospital

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3/19	Heart Strong Fire Yuma County CO	Initial Attack	State/VFD ----- Fire Department	Entrapment (Burn over)	3	0		3-FFs received 2 nd degree & 3 rd degree burns, transferred to burn center in Greeley
4/03	LA County FD Camp14 Santa Clarita CA	Training Physical Fitness	State/Las Angeles County Fire Department	Medical Emergency	1		1	
4/09	Pine Barrens Fire Manorville NY	Initial Attack Engine Operations	State/Manorville VFD	Entrapment Engine became disabled and FFs retreated to the black area	3	0		1 FF received 1 st & 2 nd degree burns to hand, face and ears. 2 FFs treated for smoke inhalation
4/12	Unknown fire name Casper, Andrea Lane WY	Driving Responding to fire	State/Natrona VFD	Medical Emergency Stroke	1		1	FF died 4/18
4/15	109 Lonetown Road Redding CT	Driving Responding to fire	State/Redding VFD	Medical Emergency Unknown medical causes	1		1	
6/03	White Rock Fire BLM Ely District NV	Aviation Initial Attack Retardant drop	Contractor	Aviation Airtanker crash; Tanker 11	2		2	
6/08	Montezuma Fire Papago Agency,Sells, AZ	Driving Responding to incident	Federal/BIA	Driving Engine rollover	1		1	1FF treated and released. 1 FF hospitalized
6/27	Clay Springs Fire Oak City UT	Initial Attack Engine Operation	State / Oak City Fire Department / VFD	Entrapment	3			3 FF treated at local hospital for 2 nd degree burns. 2 FF transferred to burn center in SLC, UT

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7/01	White Draw Fire Black Hills National Forest SD	Aviation Initial Attack	North Carolina Air National Guard	Aviation MAFFS C-130 airtanker crash	6		4	2 crewmen were treated at regional hospital
7/07	Burn Unit 233 Appalachicola National Forest FL	Prescribed Fire Firing Operations	Federal/FS	Entrapment	1			No injuries sustained
7/10	Briley Mountain Fire; Oregon Dept. of Forestry; Highway 126E Near Prineville OR	Driving Responding to incident	Type 2 contract crew	Driving Crew van collided with tractor / trailer	10			9 FF treated and released from hospitals. 1FF remained in hospital; accident occurred at 0215
7/14	Flat Fire Shasta-Trinity National Forest CA	Extended Attack Line Construction	Federal/FS	Entrapment	4			No injuries sustained
7/24	Ash Creek Fire National Forests in Nebraska NE	Extended Attack Scouting the fire line on a dozer line	Federal / BLM	Driving ATV rolled backward flipping over operator	1			FF received broken bones (clavicle) and bruises
7/25	Penn Fire Skunk Ranch Road Cal Fire CA	Initial Attack Engine Operation	State / Cal Fire	Driving Engine Struck by civilian vehicle	1			FF received a major lower leg injury
7/28	Ridge Top Fire Fort Hall Reservation ID	Extended Attack Operating ATV on dozer line adjacent to fire	Federal / BLM	Medical Emergency Burns	1			FF treated at local hospital for 1 st & 2 nd degree burns and referred to burn center in SLC, UT
TOTAL					43		11	

For calendar year 2012 there have been (11) fatalities:

Driving: 1FF died when an engine left the road way and rolled over.

Entrapment/Burnover:

Medical Emergencies: 2 FF suffered medical emergency during physical training. 1FF died while responding (driving) to brush fire. 1 FF suffered a stroke when responding (driving) to a grass fire and died six days later.

Hazard Tree/Snag:

Aviation: 2 retardant aircraft contractors, pilot and co-pilot, died when aircraft struck the ground on approach to drop area. Four crewmen died when a C-130 struck the ground following a retardant drop in South Dakota.

Other:

Noted non-fatal trends:

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 2012 or previous years. Safety Gram reporting criteria can be found at <http://www.nwcg.gov/branches/pre/rmc/safety-grams.htm>.

Specific accident reports/reviews may be found at the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center repository at: <http://iirdb.wildfirelessons.net/main/Reviews.aspx>

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