



NATIONAL WILDFIRE
COORDINATING GROUP

Safety & Health Working Team

SAFETYGRAM

ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SUMMARY; 11 FATALITIES AND 2 ENTRAPMENTS 93-01

The following data indicates the 1992 major accidents and entrapments associated with wildland fire suppression. There were 11 fatalities and 2 firefighters entrapped. The information was collected by the NWCG Safety & Health Working Team, with confirmation from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

1992 FATALITIES

| DATE | LOCATION | TYPE OF ACCIDENT | ORGANIZATION |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 06/19/92 | Calaveras Cnty, Ca. | Aircraft accident | CDF |
| 06/29/92 | Glenwood Springs, Co. | Heart attack | F. S., vol. |
| 07/04/92 | Kennewick, Wa. | Apparatus crash | Volunteer |
| 07/31/92 | Cascade, Idaho | Snag fell | F. S. |
| 07/31/92 | Fond Du Lac, Wi. | Heart attack | Volunteer |
| 08/31/92 | Oakridge, Oregon | Snag fell | Contractor |
| 10/01/92 | El Dorado N.F. Ca. | Aircraft, (2) | Contract |
| 10/12/92 | Mansfield, La. | Apparatus crash | Volunteer |
| 12/01/92 | Caldwell, Texas | Apparatus crash | Volunteer |
| 12/05/92 | Crowley, Texas | Apparatus rollover | Volunteer |

1992 ENTRAPMENTS

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|----------|---------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| 03/17/92 | Lee County, Al. | 1 person | No shelter | Burn injury |
| 08/03/92 | Sagehen Fire, Idaho | 1 person | Shelter Depl. | No injury |

These accidents reinforce the need for being continually alert to the "Situations That Shout Watch Out" and ensuring that all of the "10 Standard Fire Fighting Orders" are followed before initiating tactical operations.

A simple concept to remember and share with crew members is : "L.C.E.S." The acronym stands for Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes and Safety Zones. If a fire crew has these four areas fully established and understood, then they can anticipate a safer assignment.

The Safety & Health Working Team would appreciate notification from agencies that experienced other entrapments or major accidents in 1992. Please forward to:

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