



SAFETY GRAM 2019



Fatalities, Entrapments and Accident Summary for 2019 (<http://www.nwcg.gov/committees/risk-management-committee>) The following data indicates the fatalities, [entrapments](#), [burnovers](#) and [fire shelter deployments](#) during calendar year 2019. The information was collected by the [Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center](#) and verified by the NWCG Risk Management Committee. This information is updated through 01/15/2020.

Fatalities

Date	Incident Name Jurisdiction Location	Activity	Agency/Entity of Personnel Involved	Type of Accident	Number of People	# Shelters Deployed	Fatalities	Injuries/Treatment
3/18/2019	Doster Incident CalFire Tuolumne-Calaveras California	Chainsaw Operations	State Government CalFire	Hazard Tree/Hit by Tree	2	0	1	2 personnel hit by rolling tree. 1 suffered minor injuries; 1 suffered fatal traumatic injuries
3/27/2019	Sam Houston NF Prescribed Fire Helicopter Fatality Sam Houston N.F. Huntsville, Texas	Prescribed Fire/Aviation	Federal USFS	Helicopter Crash	3	0	1	3 personnel on board the helicopter when it crashed. 1 USFS fatally injured. The pilot and 1 USFS firefighter injured
4/17/2019	SD Response Fatality Argyle Volunteer Fire Department Custer, South Dakota	Initial Attack/Driving	Local Government VFD	Medical	1	0	1	While responding as a passenger, the firefighter experienced a medical emergency.

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4/21/2019	Northeast Lakeside FD Fatality Northeast Lakeside Fire Department Mountain Home, AR	Initial Attack	Local Government VFD	Medical	1	0	1	Firefighter was responding to fire when he suffered heart attack.
5/22/2019	Fort Jackson Prescribed Fire Fatality US Army Fort Jackson, SC	Prescribed Fire	Federal U.S. Army	Other	1	0	1	Contact with firefighter was lost during operations. After a search, the firefighter was found with fatal injuries.
7/2/2019	Sun Country Volunteer Fire Department Fatality Sun Country Volunteer Fire Department Artesia, NM	Initial Attack	Local Government VFD	Medical	1	0	1	Firefighter was found unconscious on 7/2 after responding to an initial attack on 7/1/2019.
7/28/2019	CalFire Training Hike Fatality CalFire San Diego, California	Training	State Government CalFire	Medical	1	0	1	Firefighter suffered medical emergency during training hike. DOD 7/29/2019.
9/1/2019	Spring Coulee Fire Burnover Fatality Okanogan Fire Department/Okanogan County Fire District 3 Okanogan, WA	Initial Attack	Local Government	Burnover/Entrapment	1	0	1	Firefighter suffered burn injuries as the result of burnover. Transported to burn center. DOD 10/1/2019.
10/18/2019	Equality Volunteer Fire Department Fatality Equality Volunteer Fire Department Equality, AL	Initial Attack	Local Government VFD	Driving	1	0	1	Firefighter was involved in water tender rollover responding to brush fire.
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Vehicle 1	Burnover/Entrapment 1	Aviation 1
Medical 4	Hazard Tree 1	Other/Unknown 1

Non-fatal Incidents

Date	Incident Name Jurisdiction Location	Activity	Agency/Entity of Personnel Involved	Type of Accident	Number of People	# Shelters Deployed	Injuries/Treatment
6/20/2019	Bald Mountain Engine Burnover Utah State Lands Utah	Initial Attack	Local Government	Equipment/Burnover	2	0	2 Firefighters involved, neither injured.
8/4/2019	Corta Fire Engine Burnover Nevada BLM Elko, Nevada	Initial Attack	Local Government VFD	Entrapment and Equipment Burnover	2	0	1 Firefighter received burn injuries and was flown to burn center. Fire Engine received some burn damage.
8/29/2019	Pothole Fire Dozer Entrapment Department of Defense Idaho	Initial Attack	Rural Fire Protection Association	Equipment/Burnover	1	0	1 Firefighter abandoned over-heated (limp mode) dozer and moved to safety zone. Singed hair on hands and head.
9/3/2019	Country Fire Engine Burnover CalFire Amador- El Dorado California	Initial Attack	Local Government	Entrapment and Equipment Burnover	2	1	2 Firefighters involved and both suffered minor injuries. Fire Engine destroyed.

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9/19/2019	Jack Creek Entrapment Oklahoma Forestry Services-Southeast Area Oklahoma	Initial Attack	State Government	Entrapment/Burnover	1	0	Firefighter transported to burn center with second and third degree burns.
10/25/2019	Kincade Fire Shelter Deployment CalFire Sonoma-Lake-Napa California	Extended Attack	State Government	Entrapment	3	1	A firefighter deployed shelter to protect 2 civilians and himself. All three people were transported to the hospital and release the same day.
Serious Accident Totals					11 People Involved	2 Shelters Deployed	

The Risk Management Committee would like to request any Fire Agency/Organization that experiences a fatality(s), or entrapment(s) to follow the guidance provided on this form: [PMS 405-1 Fire Entrapment / Fatality Initial Report](#). In the event that a wildland fire entrapment or fatality occurs, it should be reported immediately to the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC). A Wildland Fire Entrapment/Fatality Initial Report should be completed and mailed to NICC electronically or by fax machine within twenty-four (24) hours.

Annual Incident Review Summaries from the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center can be found at: <https://www.wildfirelessons.net/viewdocument/annual-incident-review-summaries>

Many specific accident investigation reports/reviews/analysis may be found at the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center repository at: <http://www.wildfirelessons.net/IRDB>. For corrections to the above information [please click here](#).