



SAFETY GRAM 2025

Fatalities, Entrapments and Accident Summary for 2025 (<https://www.nwcg.gov/committee/risk-management-committee>) The following data indicates the fatalities, [entrapments](#), burnovers, and fire shelter deployments during calendar year 2025. The information was collected by the [Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center](#) and verified by the NWCG Risk Management Committee. This information is updated through 09/01/2025.

Fatalities

Date	Incident Name Jurisdiction Location	Activity	Agency/Entity of Personnel Involved	Type of Accident	Number of People	# Shelters Deployed	Fatalities	Injuries/Treatment
03/01/25	Pinedale Volunteer Fire Department Fall Mississippi	Initial Attack	Fire Department	Fall	1	0	1	At a grass fire, FF fell from the top of a brush truck and suffered major head trauma.
03/08/25	Johnson County Fire Protection District Medical Fatality Missouri	Initial Attack	Fire Department	Medical	1	0	1	FF responded to a fast-moving half-acre field fire and began extinguishing the fire when he collapsed.

03/11/25	Harford Volunteer Fire Company Brush Fire Fatality Pennsylvania	Initial Attack	Fire Department	Fall	1	0	1	FF fell and suffered a leg fracture and later died from complications of the injury.
05/29/25	Pennsylvania DCNR Medical Emergency Fatality Pennsylvania	Training	State	Medical	1	0	1	Medical emergency occurred while instructing at a wildland fire academy.
6/29/25	Nettleton Gulch (CDA) Shooting Incident Idaho	Initial Attack	Fire Department	Shooting	2	0	2	FFs responded for initial attack and were shot and killed.
7/26/25	South Dakota IA Response Fatality South Dakota	Driving	Fire Department	Vehicle Crash	1	0	1	Water tender rolled while responding to a fire, operator ejected suffering fatal injuries.
8/24/25	Bivens Creek Fire Fatality Montana	Fireline	Contract	Medical	1	0	1	FF suffered a cardiovascular event while actively engaged in suppression.
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Fatality Summary

Vehicle 1	Burnover/Entrapment 0	Aviation 0
Medical 3	Hazard Tree 0	Other/Unknown 4

Non-Fatal Incidents

Date	Incident Name Jurisdiction Location	Activity	Agency/Entity of Personnel Involved	Type of Accident	Number of People	# Shelters Deployed	Injuries/Treatment
3/18/25	West Beach Prescribed Fire Entrapment Indiana	Prescribed Fire	Federal	Entrapment	1	0	A burn injury to a firefighter occurred along with UTV damage while trying to suppress a spot fire on the West Beach Rx Unit.
6/17/25	Trout Fire Dozer Entrapment New Mexico	Fireline	Contract	Entrapment	1	0	During a sudden increase in fire behavior a dozer operator exited the open cab and ran to a safety zone, sustaining burns to his hands, face, and ear.
7/12/25	Laguna Fire Dozer Entrapment New Mexico	Fireline	Federal	Entrapment	2	2	A thunderstorm caused rapid fire growth. Dozer Operator and Heavy Equipment Boss became entrapped and deployed fire shelters. No injuries.
Entrapment Totals					4 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.

Definition of Entrapment:

“A situation where personnel are unexpectedly caught in a fire behavior-related, life-threatening position where planned escape routes or safety zones are absent, inadequate, or compromised.” An entrapment may or may not include deployment of a fire shelter for its intended purpose. These situations may or may not result in injury. They include "near misses."

– [NWCG Glossary](#)

Annual Incident Review Summaries from the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center can be found at:

[Annual Incident Review Summaries | Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center \(wildfire.gov\)](#)

Many specific accident investigation reports/reviews/analysis may be found at the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center repository at: [Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center's Incident Review Database \(IRDB\) \(wildfire.gov\)](#). For corrections to the above information [please click here](#).