



SAFETY GRAM 2026

Fatalities, Entrapments and Accident Summary for 2026 (<https://www.nwcg.gov/committee/risk-management-committee>) The following data indicates the fatalities, [entrapments](#), burnovers, and fire shelter deployments during calendar year 2026. The information was collected by the [Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center](#) and verified by the NWCG Risk Management Committee. This information is updated through 03/31/2026

Fatalities

Date	Incident Name Jurisdiction Location	Activity	Agency/Entity of Personnel Involved	Type of Accident	Number of People	# Shelters Deployed	Fatalities	Injuries/Treatment
02/27/2026	Tri-Lakes Fire Dept. Entrapment Fatality Texas	Initial Attack	Fire Department	Entrapment	1	0	1	While attempting to return to engine, firefighter was overrun by grass fire.
03/08/2026	Butler County Fire Protection Response Fatality Missouri	Response	Fire Department	Vehicle Accident	1	0	1	While responding to a brush fire, vehicle left roadway and overturned.
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Fatality Summary

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

Non-Fatal Incidents

Date	Incident Name Jurisdiction Location	Activity	Agency/Entity of Personnel Involved	Type of Accident	Number of People	# Shelters Deployed	Injuries/Treatment
02/27/2026	Tri-Lakes Fire Dept. Entrapment Fatality Texas	Initial Attack	Fire Department	Entrapment	1	0	Fatal
03/17/2026	East Ute Plaza Fire Entrapment Utah	Initial Attack, Firing	Fire Department	Entrapment	1	0	2nd & 3rd degree burns on 7% of body.
03/23/2026	Cottonwood Fire Vehicles Burned Incident Nebraska	Extended Attack	Federal	Burnover (vehicles)	0	0	None
03/27/2026	Cedar Canyon Fire Entrapment Oklahoma	Initial Attack	Fire Department	Entrapment	2	0	2nd & 3rd degree burns
03/29/2026	Hwy 1498 Fire Entrapment Kentucky	Initial Attack	State	Entrapment	1	0	Severe burn injuries

03/31/2026	Louisa FD Entrapment Kentucky	Structure Protection	Fire Department	Entrapment	2	0	Minor burns
Entrapment Totals					7 People Involved	0 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:

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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 \(IRDB\) \(lessons.wildfire.gov\)](#). For corrections to the above information [please click here](#).