

A PROVISIONAL REPORT
ON-DUTY FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES IN THE UNITED STATES
Date Range 1/1/2007 to 5/31/2007

Number of On-Duty Firefighter Fatalities: 44

Count of Hometown Heroes: 3

Classification:

17 Career 38.6%
1 Wildland Full-Time 2.27%
26 Volunteer 59.0%

Number of Multiple Firefighter Fatality Incidents: 2

Number of Firefighter Fatalities Associated with Wildland Incidents 3

Type of Duty:

15 Responding 34.0%
7 Training 15.9%
7 On-Scene Fire 15.9%
2 On-Scene Non-Fire 4.54%
6 After 13.6%
6 Other On-Duty 13.6%
1 Returning 2.27%

Percent of Fatalities Related to Emergency Duty: 61.3%

Number of firefighter fatalities associated with suspicious/arson fires: 1

Type of Incident:

1 Wildland 2.27%
17 Structure Fire 38.6%
3 MVA 6.81%
2 Hazmat 4.54%
2 EMS 4.54%
18 Not Incident Related 40.9%
1 Unknown 2.27%

Cause of Fatal Injury:

5 Caught/Trapped 11.3%
21 Stress/Overexertion 47.7%
2 Struck by 4.54%
14 Vehicle Collision 31.8%
1 Lost 2.27%
1 Other 2.27%

Nature of Fatal Injury:

3 Asphyxiation 6.81%
1 Crushed 2.27%
2 Burns 4.54%
1 CVA 2.27%
16 Trauma 36.3%
20 Heart Attack 45.4%
1 Other 2.27%

Age of Firefighter When the Fatal Injury Was Sustained:

2 - Under 21
4 - 21 to 25
4 - 26 to 30
6 - 31 to 40
12 - 41 to 50
9 - 51 to 60
7 - 61 and Over
0 - Unknown

Percent of Firefighter Fatalities Under Age 40 31.8%

Type of Activity:

3 S&R 6.81%
3 Advance Hose Lines 6.81%
15 Responding 34.0%
3 Unknown 6.81%
20 Not On Scene 45.4%

Time of Fatal Injury:

2 0100-0259
0 0300-0459
2 0500-0659
1 0700-0859
7 0900-1059
6 1100-1259
3 1300-1459
8 1500-1659
3 1700-1859
4 1900-2059
2 2100-2259
4 2300-0059
2 Unknown

Month of the Year:

8 January 18.1%
10 February 22.7%
7 March 15.9%
7 April 15.9%
12 May 27.2%

Firefighter Fatalities by State by Location of Fire Service Organization:

2 Alabama 4.54%
3 California 6.81%
1 Connecticut 2.27%
1 Florida 2.27%
1 Georgia 2.27%
1 Idaho 2.27%
3 Illinois 6.81%
1 Indiana 2.27%
1 Kansas 2.27%
2 Kentucky 4.54%
1 Louisiana 2.27%
1 Massachusetts 2.27%
1 Maryland 2.27%
1 Maine 2.27%
1 Michigan 2.27%
1 Mississippi 2.27%
3 North Carolina 6.81%
1 New Jersey 2.27%
5 New York 11.3%
3 Ohio 6.81%
3 Pennsylvania 6.81%
1 South Carolina 2.27%
1 Tennessee 2.27%
1 Texas 2.27%
1 Virginia 2.27%
3 West Virginia 6.81%

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