



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

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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