



**Today's discussion is from the
Miscellaneous Category.**

"This was a tragic accident and our hearts go out to the Palmer family, his [Andy's] friends and his colleagues. Our intent in releasing this report is for all of us to learn from this incident in order to help prevent reoccurrences of this type of event in the future. This is how we will honor Andy, by remembering his commitment to self and colleagues. His passing should serve as a constant reminder to honor your fellow employees by watching out for their safety." NPS Director Jon Jarvis

The Dutch Creek Protocol - Pink Sticker for your IRPG

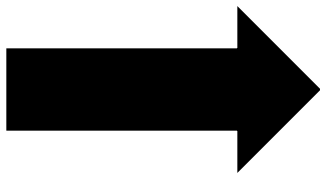
- Between 1340 and 1350 hours on July 25, 2008, the following radio transmission comes into the Iron Complex dispatch center:

"Man Down; Man Down. We need help. Medical emergency. Dozer pad. Broken leg. Bleeding. Drop Point 72 and dozer line. Call 911, we need help."

Firefighter Andy Palmer had been hit by an eight-foot-long by 20-inch diameter section of a sugar pine tree during falling operations on a nearby hazard tree. Approximately three hours later Andy is hoisted into a medevac helicopter. 3 hours 26 minutes pass from the time of the accident to the 18 year old firefighter being pronounced dead due to loss of blood from a shattered femur and severed blood vessels. This tragedy, known as the "Dutch Creek Incident", becomes a red flag that we need to better plan and prepare for injuries on the fireline.

- The emergency medical procedures outlined on this sticker are part of the Dutch Creek Serious Accident Investigation Report Response and were developed by a team created by NWCG.
- To help you effectively report a medical incident from the field, the pink-colored box below should be printed and placed on page 49 of your 2010 Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG). This straightforward nine-step process provides a standardized checklist to follow during a rapidly emerging medical incident. **Review & Practice this process with your crew/team.**

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This Into Your
IRPG**



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In the event of a medical emergency provide the following information to the Communications Unit.

1. Declare the nature of the emergency.
a. Medical injury/illness?
If injury/illness is it Life Threatening?
2. If Life Threatening, then request that the designated frequency be cleared for emergency traffic.
3. Identify the on-scene Point of Contact (POC) by Resource and Last name (i.e. POC is TFLD Smith).
4. Identify nature of incident, number injured, patient assessment(s) and location (geographic and GPS coordinates).
5. Identify on-scene medical personnel by position and name (i.e. EMT Jones).
6. Identify preferred method of patient transport.
7. Request any additional resources and/or equipment needed.
8. Document all information received and transmitted on the radio or phone.
9. Identify any changes in the on-scene Point of Contact or medical personnel as they occur.

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- References: [Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center publication Two More Chains Spring 2011 Dutch Creek Serious Accident Investigation Report](#)

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