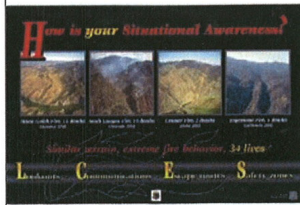
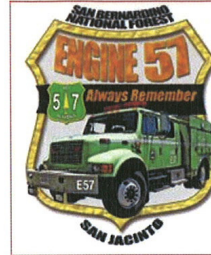


LINK TO ESPERANZA FIRE STAFF RIDE WEB SITE:

<http://lcesfire57.googlepages.com/page2>



Esperanza Fire Staff Ride



This site is dedicated to the five wildland firefighters who lost their lives on the Esperanza Fire in Southern California on October 26, 2006. The intent of this site is to promote self guided and facilitated Staff Rides that will enhance safety, learning, and understanding of this tragic wildland urban intermix fire.
Note: This site is designed for best viewing using [Mozilla/Firefox browser](#).

Esperanza Fire Links:

[Investigation
Report](#)

[Complete News](#)



[Wildland
Firefighters
Foundation](#)

Staff Ride Resources:

Maps/Directions:

- o [Esperanza Fire Staff Ride Map](#)

This map resource can be customized to develop a desired scale of useful map features including topographic, satellite, and roads overlay.

Photo/Slide Presentation:

- o [Staff Ride Drop Points - Photo Slide Show](#)

Videos:

- o [Cabazon, CA 10/26/2006](#)
- o [Fire crossing Wonderview Rd](#)
- o [Burnout @ the Doublewide](#)
- o [Fire @ the Tile house #1](#)
- o [Fire @ the Tile house #2](#)
- o [Major Run - Unnamed Ck. Drainage](#)

More Staff Ride Resources:

[Staff Ride Toolbox](#)

[Staff Ride Workbook.pdf](#)

[Fire Staff Ride-As a story.pdf](#)

[WUI Principles 12 07.doc](#)

Wildland Fire Safety Links:

[Lessons Learned Center](#)

[US Forest Service Risk
Mgt.](#)

[Federal Fire and Aviation
Safety Team \(FAST\)](#)

[International Assoc. of
Wildland Fire](#)

[Firefighters Close Calls](#)

[NIOSH - Firefighter
Fatalities](#)

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More to come: Staff
Ride JHA, suggested
drop point discussion
topics, additional
logistical support
information.

Esperanza Report - Executive Summary

The Esperanza Fire was reported on October 26, 2006 at 1:11 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) in Cabazon, California, within the jurisdiction of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). At approximately 7:15 a.m., five wildland firefighters from Forest Service Fire Engine 57 were overrun by the fire, while they were positioned near an isolated, vacant residential structure. All five firefighters were fatally burned by a sudden, intense fire run up a steep drainage below their location.

The fatalities occurred in the rural mountain community of Twin Pines, which is located in the San Jacinto Mountains approximately four miles southwest of Cabazon. Twin Pines is an identified wildland urban intermix with a recognized “extreme threat” rating for potential destructive impacts from wildfires.

Engine 57 and four other Forest Service fire engines from the San Bernardino National Forest, San Jacinto Ranger District were dispatched to the Esperanza Fire based on an Interagency Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement. All five Forest Service Type III fire engines and a March Air Force Base fire engine were performing structure protection in close proximity to each other when the fatalities occurred.

At the time of the burnover, the fire was several hundred acres in size burning rapidly in dry/dense chaparral/Manzanita, at the head of a steep drainage, and under the influence of Santa Ana winds.

Link to Esperanza Investigation Report and Review Board Action Plan:

http://www.fire.ca.gov/fire_er_memorial_esperanza.php

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