

The International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF) has received notice of the following wildland firefighter fatality:

Name: David Jamsa

Rank: Pilot

Age: 45

Gender: Male

Status: Wildland Contract

Years of Service: 4

Date of Incident: 08/20/2009

Time of Incident: approximately 1545 hrs

Date of Death: 08/20/2009

Fire Department: Minuteman Aerial Application, Inc.

Address: 5225 Highway 10 West, Airport Box 16, Missoula, MT 59808

President: Jerry Mamuzrich

Department Website:

http://www.minutemanaviation.com/Minuteman_Aerial_Application_Main.htm

Incident Fire Department: US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office

Address: BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno NV 89502

Supervisor: State Director Ron Wenker

Department Website: <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en.html>

Incident Description: A single engine air tanker (SEAT) Air Tractor AT-802A operating out of the BLM's McDermitt SEAT base crashed in the Clan Alpine Mountains of Churchill County while dropping fire retardant on the 2000 acre Hoyt Fire burning pinion-juniper sagebrush rangeland. The crash was approximately 125 miles northeast of Reno. The pilot, Dave Jamsa, was transported by helicopter to medical facilities in Lovelock, Nevada, where a short time later he was pronounced dead. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have an investigation team in-route.

Incident Location: Clan Alpine Mountains, Churchill County Nevada

Our condolences go out to the family and co-workers.

There have been eleven previous US wildland fire fatalities in 2009.

John C. Meyer, firefighter/mechanic, 01/03/09

John W. Adams, firefighter, Oklahoma, 02/02/2009

William Roger Vorwark, firefighter, Missouri, 03/14/2009

Roger Hershner, pilot, Kansas, 03/08/2009

Gregory Carroll Cooke, firefighter, North Carolina, 03/21/2009

Heath Van Handel, pilot, Wisconsin, 04/08/2009

Dennis M. Simmons, firefighter, Kansas, 04/21/2009

Tom Risk, pilot, Utah, 04/25/09

Brian Buss, airtanker crew member, Utah, 04/25/09
Mike Flynn, airtanker crew member, Utah, 04/25/09
Thomas Marovich, firefighter, California, 07/21/09

These individual and annual US wildland fire fatality listings may not always compare to those provided by other organizations and are also subject to further review.

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