

Wildland Fire Fatality and Entrapment Initial Report

Complete this report for fire-related entrapment and/or fatalities. Timely reporting of wildland-related entrapments or fatalities is necessary for the rapid dissemination of accurate information to the fire management community. It will also allow fire safety and equipment specialists to quickly respond to these events as appropriate. This initial report does not replace agency reporting or investigative responsibilities, policies, or procedures. Immediately notify the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC). Submit this written report within 24 hours—**even if some data are missing**—to the address given below.

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1. General Information

- Date of event 04/17/2006 Time 1530
- Number of personnel involved 1
- Number of: Injuries 1 Fatalities 0

- Fire name, location, agency, etc.
Compartment 71/72 Prescribe Burn ____
Sabine Ranger District, Sabine NF ____
3.5 miles north of Milan Tx _____

2. Fatalities

- Type of accident:

Aircraft	Vehicle
Natural (lightning, tornado, etc.)	Smoke
Medical (heart, stroke, heat, etc.)	Entrapment
Struck by falling object	Other
- Where fatality/entrapment occurred:

Fire site	In transit
Incident base	Other

- Employing agency _____
- Unit name _____
- Address _____
- For further information, contact _____
Home unit address _____
- Phone _____

Note: In the event of fatality(s), do not release name(s) until next of kin are notified.

3. Fire-Related Information

- Fuel model 7 Southern Rough _____
- Temperature 92 RH 48 Wind 7-9 mph
- Topography lower slope position _____
Slope 2-10%
- Fire size at the time of the incident/accident 141 acres

- Incident management type at the time of the incident/accident (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- Urban/wildland intermix? Yes No
- Cause of fire: Natural Incendiary
Accidental Unknown

Prescribe Burn

4. Entrapment Information

A situation where personnel are unexpectedly caught in a fire-behavior-related, life-threatening position where escape routes or safety zones are absent, inadequate, or have been compromised. An entrapment may or may not include deployment of a fire shelter. Note: Engine and dozer burnovers also constitute entrapments.

• Brief description of the accident _____

__Individual was widening a control line on the down wind side of a 141 acre prescribe burn unit with a drip torch in support of an aerial ignition operation. Individual was in the interior of the burn about 100 yards from the control line where he deployed.

Entrapment Description

- Person trapped With fire shelter Without fire shelter
- Burns/smoke injuries incurred while in fire shelter Yes No
- Burns/smoke injuries incurred while escaping entrapment Yes No
- Burns/smoke injuries incurred while fighting fire Yes No
- Fire shelter performed satisfactorily Yes No
- Fire shelter was available, but not used Yes No

Personal Protective Equipment Used

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| Fire shelter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No |
| Protective pants | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No |
| Protective shirt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No |
| Face/neck protection | Yes | No |
| Gloves | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No |
| Hardhat | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No |
| Boots | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No |
| Goggles | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No |