

CDF Media Advisory

Firefighter Fatality and Injuries

Sacramento – Seven firefighters with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) were overrun by fire this afternoon in the Tuolumne River Canyon on the Stanislaus National Forest. One firefighter was killed, one suffered moderate injuries, five sustained minor injuries. The firefighters are not being identified at this time pending notification of their families. The six injured firefighters are all receiving medical attention.

A joint CDF-US Forest Service Major Accident Investigation Team has been activated and will conduct a complete investigation of this incident. A CDF liaison has been assigned to assist each family.

No further information will be released this evening. A media briefing is planned for tomorrow, Monday, September 13, 2004 at 10 a.m. at CDF Headquarters, 1416 9th St., Sacramento.

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