

# USA Firefighter Fatality Notification

**The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) has received notice of the following firefighter fatality:**

Name: Rodney Hardee  
Rank: Assistant Fire Chief  
Age: 66  
Gender: Male  
Status: Volunteer  
Years of Service: 40  
Date of Incident: 07/06/2013  
Time of Incident: 2224hrs  
Date of Death: 07/09/2013

Fire Department: Loris Fire Department  
Address: PO Box 548, 3909 Walnut Street, Loris, SC 29569

Incident Description: Assistant Fire Chief Hardee responded to a brush fire late in the evening of July 6th, 2013. Upon return from the response, Hardee complained of having a headache and then departed the station and returned home. Early the next morning, Chief Hardee failed to respond on another emergency call. His wife noticed he was seriously ill and contacted 911 Fire/EMS for a possible stroke. Chief Hardee was transported to Grand Strand Hospital in Myrtle Beach where surgery was performed that day. Assistant Fire Chief Hardee succumbed to his CVA injury and passed away around 0200hrs on the morning of July 9th.

Incident Location: Hwy 747 and Hwy 9 bypass, Loris, SC

Tribute is being paid to Assistant Fire Chief Rodney Hardee at <http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities/>