

**Preliminary Summary Report of Serious or Near Serious
CAL FIRE Injuries, Illnesses and Accidents**



BLUE SHEET

Firefighter Injuries and Fatality

August 13, 2018

Mendocino Complex-Ranch Fire

18-CA-MEU-008674

18-CA-MEU-009504

California Northern Region

SUMMARY

On August 13, 2018 at approximately 5:25 PM, a Very Large Air Tanker (VLAT) completed a retardant drop along Division C of the Mendocino Complex Fire in Mendocino County, California. Following the drop, three firefighters suffered minor injuries and one firefighter suffered fatal injuries after being struck by falling tree debris.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Fire Line personnel must remain clear from areas being impacted by aircraft retardant/water drops with overhead hazards.