

The U.S. Fire Administration has received notice of the following firefighter fatality:

Name: Eva Schicke

Rank: Firefighter

Age: 24

Gender: Female

Status: Career

Years of Service: 4

Date of Incident: 09/12/2004

Time of Incident: 1245hrs

Date of Death: 09/12/2004

Fire Department Name: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Fire Department Address: 1416 9th Street, PO Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
Fire Department Phone: (916) 653-5123
Fire Department Website: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/php/index.php>

Fire Department Chief: Director Dale Geldert

Cause of Death: Firefighter Schicke was part of a seven-person helicopter crew that was dropped into the forest to fight a blaze in the Tuolumne River Canyon from the ground. They were apparently overrun by flames while participating in the initial attack on the fire. The Mariposa County Sheriff's Department arrested a 34-year-old man (Brian Chambers) Sunday on charges of purposely setting the fire with a match inserted inside a cigarette.