

USA Firefighter Fatality Notification

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

Name: Matthew Beck
Rank: Inmate Firefighter
Age: 26
Gender: Male
Status: Wildland Full-Time
Years of Service: 3
Date of Incident: 05/25/2017
Time of Incident: Pending
Date of Death: 05/25/2017

Fire Department: CAL FIRE
Address: PO Box 944246, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460
Fire Department Chief: Director Ken Pimlott

Incident Description: Inmate Firefighter Matthew Beck was leading a crew clearing brush to contain a fire when a 120-foot tree uprooted and fell on him. Beck suffered major head, neck, and back injuries. The remote location of the incident posed challenges for medical responders and before life-flight crews could get to him, Beck passed away.

Incident Location: Vicinity of Hoopa, Humboldt County, CA (approximately 320 miles north of San Francisco)