

## Grassy Ridge Fire - Fire Shelter Report

Fire Shelter – M2002, Manufactured June 2004

The fire shelter shows no signs of extreme heat (greater than 500 degrees F). There is no structural damage to the shelter.



### Discussion points:

The firefighter mentioned that he kept his fireline pack on during the shelter deployment and had a drip torch next to him as well.

- Firefighters should be reminded that wearing a pack during a shelter deployment can inhibit getting the shelter fully deployed and the pack might contain hazards such as fuses and saw gas. Make sure to throw items such as packs and drip torches clear of the deployment site.

The firefighter mentioned that the real shelter felt different than the practice shelter; the real shelter takes more force to shake open.

- Firefighters are encouraged to use real shelters that are deemed unserviceable as practice shelters for a more real practice experience. This short video shows some of the differences - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w35iQKV7-hA&feature=youtu.be>
- This Tech Tip shows fire shelter inspection criteria to determine unserviceability - <https://www.fs.fed.us/t-d/pubs/pdfpubs/pdf11512301/pdf11512301dpi72.pdf>
- Additional Fire shelter Information
  - Training update - [https://www.nifc.gov/fireShelt/fireShel\\_publications/FireShelterTrainingReminders.pdf](https://www.nifc.gov/fireShelt/fireShel_publications/FireShelterTrainingReminders.pdf)
  - Lots more fire shelter information can be found at - [https://www.nifc.gov/fireShelt/fshelt\\_main.html](https://www.nifc.gov/fireShelt/fshelt_main.html)

