

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Red Willow County Sheriff's Office received a report of a fatality due to the Road 702 fire in Frontier, Furnas, and Red Willow Counties.

John P. Trumble, 66 of Arapahoe Nebraska died Friday evening, April 22, 2022 at approximately 7:00 p.m. as a result of the wild fire in Red Willow County. Mr. Trumble was retired as The Cambridge Fire Chief, but was assisting with fire fighting efforts by acting as a spotter. Mr. Trumble's vehicle was north bound on road 407 approximately seven miles southeast of Bartley, Nebraska when it left the roadway due to poor visibility from smoke and dust, where he was overcome by smoke and fire.

The Nebraska State Fire Marshal and Red Willow County Sheriff were on scene when Mr. Trumble's body was located by firefighters at approximately 3:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Mr. Trumble's family has been notified and arrangements are pending with Lockenour-Jones Mortuary of Cambridge.

No additional information is available at this time. The incident remains under investigation.

Paul Wood,

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