

USA Firefighter Fatality Notification

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

Name: William "Bill" Jaros
Rank: Fire Engine Operator
Age: 38
Gender: Male
Status: Wildland Full-Time
Years of Service: 12
Date of Incident: 07/08/2017
Time of Incident: 1315hrs
Date of Death: 07/08/2017

Fire Department: Six Rivers National Forest - Gasquet Ranger District/Smith River National Recreation Area
Address: 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501
Fire Department Chief: Acting Forest Supervisor Michael Green

Incident Description: Fire Engine Operator William "Bill" Jaros, a crewmember on Engine 312 of the Six Rivers National Forest's Gasquet Ranger District/Smith River National Recreation Area, was on a conditioning hike with several crewmembers when he became ill and collapsed. Immediate life-saving efforts were initiated by his fellow crewmembers; however, they were unable to revive him. The cause of death is under investigation through the Del Norte County Coroner's office. Conditioning hikes, such as the one Engine 312 crewmembers were participating, are part of the continuing preparedness routine for firefighters.

Incident Location: Vicinity of 100 Fire House RD, Gasquet, CA 95543