Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center
2019 Mid-Year Analysis

Some numbers reported so far this year (January - June)

Fatalities

- 2 Medical
- 1 Hit by Tree
- 1 Helicopter Accident

Accidents and Injuries:

Burn Injuries

- 5 while burning piles
- 1 Driving UTV by active fire

Hit by Tree Incidents

- 2 log rolling downhill (1 fatal)
- 1 falling branch
- 1 bucking a complex bind
- 1 top fell when dozer pushed tree

During Physical Training (PT)

- 3 resulting in Rhabdomyolysis

Vehicle Accidents

- 2 Pickup Trucks
- 1 Crew Carrier
- 1 ATV
Take a tactical pause. 
Consider these incidents. 
Think about the work ahead of you.

LESSONS?

Chainsaw work is no joke. 
"Smaller timber is more dangerous because it is limber and springy, but some people think it is easier to cut."

Winter Storm Response 
Chainsaw Accident

Practice backing up. 
"Trainee’s right lower leg came off the ATV, it made contact with the right front tire, sucking the leg under the tire like a piece of paper being pulled through a printer"

ATV Backing Incident

Physical Training (PT) involves risk - be prepared.

"The individual was admitted to the hospital unconscious with a body temperature of 107."

"The fast response and training of the fire crew probably saved this individual's life and prevented any long-term medical effects."

Pack Test Heat Stroke/Rhabdo

Use this information to inform your actions. 
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