

**A PROVISIONAL REPORT**  
**ON-DUTY FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**Date Range 1/1/2008 to 8/31/2008**

**Number of On-Duty Firefighter Fatalities: 84**  
**Count of Hometown Heroes: 7**

**Classification:**

40 Volunteer 47.6%  
23 Career 27.3%  
9 Wildland Contract 10.7%  
3 Wildland Full-Time 3.57%  
3 Part-Time(Paid) 3.57%  
3 Paid-on-Call 3.57%  
3 Wildland Part-Time 3.57%

**Number of Multiple Firefighter Fatality Incidents: 4**  
**Number of Firefighter Fatalities Associated with Wildland Incidents: 19**

**Type of Duty:**

25 On-Scene Fire 29.7%  
24 Other On-Duty 28.5%  
13 Responding 15.4%  
9 After 10.7%  
6 On-Scene Non-Fire 7.14%  
4 Training 4.76%  
2 Returning 2.38%  
1 Other 1.19%

**Percent of Fatalities Related to Emergency Duty: 66.6%**  
**Number of firefighter fatalities associated with suspicious/arson fires: 1**

**Type of Incident:**

26 Not Incident Related 30.9%  
24 Structure Fire 28.5%  
17 Wildland 20.2%  
5 MVA 5.95%  
4 EMS 4.76%  
4 Other 4.76%  
2 Vehicle Fire 2.38%  
1 Tech Rescue 1.19%  
1 Rescue/Extrication 1.19%

**Cause of Fatal Injury:**

35 Stress/Overexertion 41.6%  
23 Vehicle Collision 27.3%  
11 Struck by 13.0%  
10 Caught/Trapped 11.9%  
2 Fall 2.38%  
1 Collapse 1.19%  
1 Other 1.19%  
1 Contact with 1.19%

**Nature of Fatal Injury:**

35 Trauma 41.6%  
31 Heart Attack 36.9%  
6 Asphyxiation 7.14%  
4 Burns 4.76%  
4 CVA 4.76%  
2 Violence 2.38%  
1 Electrocution 1.19%  
1 Other 1.19%

**Age of Firefighter When the Fatal Injury Was Sustained:**

5 - Under 21  
9 - 21 to 25  
8 - 26 to 30  
18 - 31 to 40  
19 - 41 to 50  
9 - 51 to 60  
16 - 61 and Over

**Percent of Firefighter Fatalities Under Age 40 42.9%**

**Type of Activity:**

38 Not On Scene 45.2%  
13 Advance Hose Lines 15.4%  
13 Responding 15.4%  
5 Other 5.95%  
4 Unknown 4.76%  
3 IC 3.57%  
2 Support 2.38%  
2 S&R 2.38%  
1 Extrication 1.19%  
1 Ventilation 1.19%  
1 Scene Safety 1.19%  
1 Unknown 1.19%

**Time of Fatal Injury:**

2 0100-0259  
0 0300-0459  
10 0500-0659  
8 0700-0859  
9 0900-1059  
8 1100-1259  
5 1300-1459  
10 1500-1659  
6 1700-1859  
16 1900-2059  
2 2100-2259  
2 2300-0059  
6 Unknown

**Month of the Year:**

13 January 15.4%  
12 February 14.2%  
11 March 13.0%  
10 April 11.9%  
6 May 7.14%  
7 June 8.33%  
11 July 13.0%  
14 August 16.6%

**Firefighter Fatalities by State by Location of Fire Service Organization:**

1 Alabama 1.19%  
1 Arkansas 1.19%  
1 Arizona 1.19%  
6 California 7.14%  
4 Colorado 4.76%  
2 Florida 2.38%  
1 Georgia 1.19%  
4 Illinois 4.76%  
2 Indiana 2.38%  
1 Kentucky 1.19%  
2 Louisiana 2.38%  
2 Maryland 2.38%  
1 Michigan 1.19%  
1 Minnesota 1.19%  
5 Missouri 5.95%  
2 Mississippi 2.38%  
1 Montana 1.19%  
10 North Carolina 11.9%  
1 New Jersey 1.19%  
1 New Mexico 1.19%  
3 New York 3.57%  
5 Ohio 5.95%  
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