

**A PROVISIONAL REPORT**  
**ON-DUTY FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**Date Range 1/1/2009 to 12/31/2009**

**Number of On-Duty Firefighter Fatalities: 90**  
**Count of Hometown Heroes: 13**

**Classification:**

46 Volunteer 51.1%  
36 Career 40%  
4 Wildland Contract 4.44%  
3 Wildland Full-Time 3.33%  
1 Part-Time(Paid) 1.11%

**Number of Multiple Firefighter Fatality Incidents: 6**  
**Number of Firefighter Fatalities Associated with Wildland Incidents: 16**

**Type of Duty:**

28 On-Scene Fire 31.1%  
17 After 18.8%  
15 Other On-Duty 16.6%  
12 Responding 13.3%  
9 On-Scene Non-Fire 10%  
6 Training 6.66%  
3 Returning 3.33%

**Percent of Fatalities Related to Emergency Duty: 62.2%**  
**Number of firefighter fatalities associated with Suspicious/Incendiary incidents: 6**

**Type of Incident:**

35 Not Incident Related 38.8%  
22 Structure Fire 24.4%  
15 Wildland 16.6%  
7 MVA 7.77%  
4 EMS 4.44%  
3 Other 3.33%  
2 Vehicle Fire 2.22%  
1 Outside Fire 1.11%  
1 False Alarm 1.11%

**Cause of Fatal Injury:**

52 Stress/Overexertion 57.7%  
16 Vehicle Collision 17.7%  
7 Fall 7.77%  
4 Struck by 4.44%  
3 Caught/Trapped 3.33%  
3 Other 3.33%  
2 Collapse 2.22%  
2 Lost 2.22%  
1 Contact with 1.11%

**Nature of Fatal Injury:**

43 Heart Attack 47.7%  
28 Trauma 31.1%  
8 CVA 8.88%  
5 Asphyxiation 5.55%  
2 Burns 2.22%  
1 Electrocution 1.11%  
1 Violence 1.11%  
1 Heat Exhaustion 1.11%  
1 Other 1.11%

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

2 - Under 21  
3 - 21 to 25  
5 - 26 to 30  
18 - 31 to 40  
24 - 41 to 50  
23 - 51 to 60  
15 - 61 and Over

**Percent of Firefighter Fatalities Under Age 40: 28.9%**

**Type of Activity:**

39 Not On Scene 43.3%  
12 Advance Hose Lines 13.3%  
12 Responding 13.3%  
7 Unknown 7.77%  
5 Other 5.55%  
4 S&R 4.44%  
3 Unknown 3.33%  
2 Pump Ops 2.22%  
2 Water Supply 2.22%  
2 Scene Safety 2.22%  
1 Support 1.11%  
1 IC 1.11%

**Time of Fatal Injury:**

3 0100-0259  
4 0300-0459  
4 0500-0659  
3 0700-0859  
4 0900-1059  
3 1100-1259  
12 1300-1459  
10 1500-1659  
6 1700-1859  
5 1900-2059  
11 2100-2259  
9 2300-0059  
16 Unknown

**Month of the Year:**

9 January 10%  
10 February 11.1%  
8 March 8.88%  
14 April 15.5%  
3 May 3.33%  
9 June 10%  
5 July 5.55%  
10 August 11.1%  
3 September 3.33%  
6 October 6.66%  
4 November 4.44%  
9 December 10%

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

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1 Arizona 1.11%  
3 California 3.33%  
1 Colorado 1.11%  
2 Connecticut 2.22%  
2 Florida 2.22%  
3 Georgia 3.33%  
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