

**A PROVISIONAL REPORT**  
**ON-DUTY FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**Date Range 1/1/2007 to 12/31/2007**

**Number of On-Duty Firefighter Fatalities: 115**  
**Count of Hometown Heroes: 8**

**Classification:**

49 Career 42.6%  
3 Wildland Full-Time 2.60%  
2 Paid-on-Call 1.73%  
59 Volunteer 51.3%  
1 Wildland Contract 0.86%  
1 Industrial 0.86%

**Number of Multiple Firefighter Fatality Incidents: 7**  
**Number of Firefighter Fatalities Associated with Wildland Incidents: 10**

**Type of Duty:**

24 Responding 20.8%  
11 Training 9.56%  
37 On-Scene Fire 32.1%  
8 On-Scene Non-Fire 6.95%  
13 After 11.3%  
20 Other On-Duty 17.3%  
2 Returning 1.73%

**Percent of Fatalities Related to Emergency Duty: 64.3%**  
**Number of firefighter fatalities associated with suspicious/arson fires: 2**

**Type of Incident:**

5 Wildland 4.34%  
48 Structure Fire 41.7%  
7 MVA 6.08%  
3 Hazmat 2.60%  
6 EMS 5.21%  
1 Tech Rescue 0.86%  
1 Outside Fire 0.86%  
1 False Alarm 0.86%  
41 Not Incident Related 35.6%  
1 Other 0.86%  
1 Unknown 0.86%

**Cause of Fatal Injury:**

19 Caught/Trapped 16.5%  
1 Contact with 0.86%  
4 Fall 3.47%  
55 Stress/Overexertion 47.8%  
4 Collapse 3.47%  
3 Struck by 2.60%  
26 Vehicle Collision 22.6%  
2 Lost 1.73%  
1 Other 0.86%

**Nature of Fatal Injury:**

16 Asphyxiation 13.9%  
3 Crushed 2.60%  
7 Burns 6.08%  
2 CVA 1.73%  
33 Trauma 28.6%  
1 Electrocutation 0.86%  
52 Heart Attack 45.2%  
1 Other 0.86%

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

5 - Under 21  
6 - 21 to 25  
9 - 26 to 30  
26 - 31 to 40  
31 - 41 to 50  
21 - 51 to 60  
16 - 61 and Over

**Percent of Firefighter Fatalities Under Age 40 37.4%**

**Type of Activity:**

14 S&R 12.1%  
2 IC 1.73%  
11 Advance Hose Lines 9.56%  
2 Extrication 1.73%  
1 Standby 0.86%  
3 Ventilation 2.60%  
24 Responding 20.8%  
3 Support 2.60%  
3 Water Supply 2.60%  
1 Scene Safety 0.86%  
2 Other 1.73%  
2 Unknown 1.73%  
46 Not On Scene 40%  
1 Unknown 0.86%

**Time of Fatal Injury:**

9 0100-0259  
4 0300-0459  
3 0500-0659  
4 0700-0859  
14 0900-1059  
13 1100-1259  
7 1300-1459  
12 1500-1659  
8 1700-1859  
19 1900-2059  
6 2100-2259  
11 2300-0059  
5 Unknown

**Month of the Year:**

8 January 6.95%  
11 February 9.56%  
7 March 6.08%  
7 April 6.08%  
13 May 11.3%  
15 June 13.0%  
13 July 11.3%  
14 August 12.1%  
10 September 8.69%  
5 October 4.34%  
6 November 5.21%  
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**Firefighter Fatalities by State by Location of Fire Service Organization:**

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1 Arkansas 0.86%  
1 Arizona 0.86%  
8 California 6.95%  
1 Connecticut 0.86%  
1 District of Columbia 0.86%  
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5 Michigan 4.34%  
1 Mississippi 0.86%  
8 North Carolina 6.95%  
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5 New Jersey 4.34%  
9 New York 7.82%  
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10 Pennsylvania 8.69%  
11 South Carolina 9.56%  
3 Tennessee 2.60%  
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1 Utah 0.86%  
1 Virginia 0.86%  
1 Washington 0.86%  
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