



Dear members of the Regional Wildland Fire Networks and associated experts:

This 14th issue of the Global Wildland Fire Network Bulletin is providing the draft Second Annual Global Wildland Fire Fatalities Report covering the year 2009. This report is based on the evaluation of media (newspaper, radio broadcasts and TV) published on the internet, as well as agency reports from throughout the world.

GFMC has received several responses to the draft First Annual Global Wildland Fire Fatalities Report. One recipient of the report suggested not to include shack fires in informal settlements in South Africa, or fatalities of car accidents caused by wildland fire smoke. GFMC is taking the opportunity to clarify: This report includes all death and injuries of firefighters and civilians related one way or the other to wildfires, i.e. accidents during firefighting, accidents on the way to respond to a fire, wildfires affecting people in wildlands or structures ignited by wildfires, or other indirect accidents (e.g., by smoke-reduced visibility, or people admitted to hospitals, medical treatment or deceased due to wildland fire smoke inhalation).

Since only a fraction of wildfire-related accidents may be reported through media and subsequently published on the web, we presume that our attempt to compile a global statistical database is still very incomplete and may scratch the surface only. Unlike the World Almanac and other databases such as the International Disaster Database of the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED)¹, GFMC aims at identifying all individual incidents that have been reported. At the end of this report weblinks are provided to a number of publications / reports.

The short incident notes (by country, in alphabetic order) are taken from the detailed reports that have been published by GFMC between January and December 2009 (<http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/news.htm>). Links to the detailed reports are provided.

The report reveals that 374 deadly wildland fire fatalities and 160 injuries were reported worldwide in 2009. In Asia 86 people died in wildland fires, notably in Nepal (58 fatalities and injuries). Australia suffered 176 fatalities and 14 injuries during the “Black Saturday fires. In the Americas 47 people died. While 11 fatalities were recorded in Europe in 2008, the number of people killed in wildfire incidents in Africa reached 52 in 2009, most of them civilians.

¹ www.cred.be

Note: the CRED defines a disaster as “a situation or event which overwhelms local capacity, necessitating a request to a national or international level for external assistance; an unforeseen and often sudden event that causes great damage, destruction and human suffering”. For a disaster to be entered into the database, at least one of the following criteria must be fulfilled:

- 10 or more people reported killed;
- 100 or more people reported affected;
- declaration of a state of emergency;
- call for international assistance.

The GFMC does not follow these criteria as fatalities or injuries caused by wildfires are usually below these thresholds, and the high number of incidents would otherwise not be recorded at all. The 2009 report by CRED does not provide explicit data on wildfire-related incidents.



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Website of archive of the Bulletin: http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/bulletin_news.htm

In order to complete this report the members and associated experts of the Regional Wildland Fire Networks as well as other recipients of this Bulletin are kindly asked to review their home databases and media reports and return data and / or reports back to the GFMC (fire@fire.uni-freiburg.de). All reports should provide a source that could be quoted in the final version of the Second Annual Global Wildland Fire Fatalities Report. The website of archive of the Global Bulletins is: http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/bulletin_news.htm.

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Wildfire fatalities January – December 2009: Overview by countries

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Argentina

Two firefighters and one woman were killed by a wildfire in San Lu s Province.
(15 Oct, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/10/news_20091016_ar.htm)

Australia

Three firefighters were injured yesterday as they battled fires in the Dandenongs.
(23 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090223_au3.htm)

A CFS volunteer from the state's Mid-North was seriously injured when he was struck by a falling tree while fighting bushfires in Victoria yesterday.
(25 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090226_au.htm)

The death toll from Victoria's devastating Black Saturday bushfires has been revised down to 173 from 210. Victoria Police said today extensive examinations by the coroner and a review of missing persons reports had resulted in the lowering of the toll.
(30 March, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/03/news_20090330_au3.htm)

A man has died while protecting his home from a bushfire in Queensland.
(14 Oct, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/10/news_20091014_au3.htm)

A rural firefighter was taken to hospital with burnt hands and one of his colleagues suffered smoke inhalation.
(16 Oct, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/10/news_20091016_au4.htm)

The 35-year-old local character collapsed and died while fighting a grassfire at Fingal on Friday night.
(19 Oct, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/10/news_20091020_au2.htm)

Two volunteer firefighters were injured while battling a fire that ripped through 280ha of coastal reserve in Elleker on Saturday.
(22 Oct, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/10/news_20091023_au.htm)

Numerous media outlets are reporting that a New South Wales (NSW) Parks and Wildlife ranger who was a passenger on a helicopter died when the ship crashed on Wednesday on the NSW mid-north coast. The pilot initially walked away from the accident but is in critical condition in a hospital with injuries to the head, chest, and back. In a non-aircraft incident in Australia, two property owners were seriously burned while defending their home from a bushfire in the central-west town of Victoria, near Bathurst on Tuesday afternoon.

(9 Dec, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/12/news_20091211_au.htm)

Australia's ABC television network reports that at least three people were injured on Thursday while battling bushfires.

(17 Dec, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/12/news_20091218_au4.htm)

Western Australia: As with so many other fires in Australia, the terrifying feature was the speed at which they developed. The state's bushfire toll had not been high - 13 deaths in 30 big fires since 1939.

(2 Jan, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2010/01/news_20100104_au4.htm)

Austria

A fire engine crashed on the way to the wildfire. Nine firefighters suffered severe to light injuries.

(12 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090412_at.htm)

Cameroon

A great deal of property and lives were lost including two children, one aged 5 and the other aged 3, who escaped the fire and hid under the bed, and were burnt to death.

(6 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090407_cm.htm)

Canada

A waterbomber battling the Terrace Mountain fire north of Kelowna, B.C., has crashed into Okanagan Lake. In a written release, the Kelowna RCMP said two boats in the area responded right away and rescued the pilot, who was taken to a local hospital with minor injuries.

(25 July, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/07/news_20090727_ca.htm)

Chile

Thirteen people, including a dozen firefighters, were killed on Sunday when their helicopter crashed in a region of south-central Chile that is grappling with a rash of forest fires, regional authorities said.

(17 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090217_cl.htm)

China

Cigarettes left behind by three students caused a forest fire that killed a fire official in southwest China, local police said Friday.

(6 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090208_ch.htm)

Four people were killed in east China's Fujian Province which had 43 forest fires Thursday and Friday, engulfing more than 1,000 hectares, local authorities said Saturday.

(14 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090216_ch.htm)

A fireman was confirmed dead Wednesday in fighting a forest fire that spread to southwest China's Yunnan Province from neighboring Myanmar.

(26 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090226_cn.htm)

It has killed one firefighter and injured four others.

(30 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090501_cn.htm)

Colombia

Brush fires in Loboguerrero, Valle del Cauca injure four firefighters, leaving one with second degree burns on 70% of his body.

(3 Aug, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/08/news_20090805_co.htm)

France

Though no-one was killed in France, one fireman suffered burns and four rescuers were treated for smoke inhalation as the blaze ripped through 1300 hectares (3211 acres) of brush and damaged homes in the suburbs of Marseille.

(23 July, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/07/news_20090724_eu.htm)

Germany

A 38-years old firefighter suffered injuries due to smoke exposure during a wildfire burning near Siebnach, Markt Ettringen. He was admitted to a hospital.

(11 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090411_de.htm)

Two firefighters were injured during a wildfire on a stubble field when attempting to protect their fire engines. An crash of another fire engine with a civil car on the road nearby caused two injury of the two drivers. Both were admitted to a hospital.

(9 August, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/08/news_20090824_de.htm)

Greece

A Greek fire-fighting plane crashed while battling a blaze on the Ionian Sea island of Kefalonia on Thursday, killing the pilot, authorities said.

(27 Aug, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/08/news_20090828_gr2.htm)

India

A woman and her daughter were burnt to death in a forest fire at Sesang, about 50 km from here, in Mizoram.

(11 March, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/03/news_20090312_in.htm)

Five persons died while dousing forest fires in the jungles of Gagwara in Pauri district on May 1. Chief Minister B C Khanduri has asked the district administration to provide an assistance of Rs one lakh each to the next of the kins of the five people killed and Rs 50,000 to those burnt seriously.

(4 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090506_in.htm)

Forest fires have claimed six lives and injured nearly a dozen people including nine forest personnel.

(7 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090508_in.htm)

An old woman was today charred to death when she tried to douse forest fire near Manjyari village in the district, taking the total number of those killed in such accidents to 8, official sources said.
(8 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090511_in.htm)

A pregnant woman and her nine- year-old sister were charred to death in a forest fire at Frasoli-Ghorakhal.
(9 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090511_in2.htm)

Two sisters were killed and five other women were injured while trying to extinguish a forest fire at Mihara in Jogindernagar Sub-division of Mandi district, forest department sources said today.
(22 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090525_in.htm)

One person was burnt alive in a forest fire in Almora district, taking the total number of those killed in such incidents this year to 12, official sources said here today.
(11 June, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/06/news_20090615_in2.htm)

Retrospective report of 2010: In 2009 four persons had been charred by a bushfire in Mizoram.
(13 March 2010, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2010/03/news_20100313_in2.htm)

Italy

Wildfires that have killed two people continued to rage on the Italian island of Sardinia.
(24 July, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/07/news_20090727_it.htm)

Japan

One of the Yamanashi fires broke out in Koshu at around 1 p.m. on Mount Tanayokote, slightly injuring a 65-year-old man from Kawasaki who was hiking with a friend.
(12 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090414_jp3.htm)

Mexico

Three men died trying to put out a fire in the southern Mexican town of Santiago Tilantongo, the National Forest Commission (CONAFOR), reported Tuesday.
(6 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090506_mx.htm)

Nepal

Mr. Dhana B Chepang (55) resident of Ward No. 7 of Hadikhola village died in a forest fire in Makwanpur district.
(21 Feb, www.ekantipur.com/np)

At least seven people have died in raging wildfire in Myagdi and Panchthar districts.
(1 March, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/03/news_20090304_np.htm)

Two persons were injured in the forest fires in Bhalu Pahad, Fedi Khola, Lamidanda, Mahabir and Khamuhale community forests in Syanja district.
(15 March, <http://www.annapurnapost.com/printedition.asp>)

One person was severely injured by the Bhalam forest fire in Kaski district.
(17 March, www.ekantipur.com/np)

A minor was burnt to death while three others sustained injuries in a wildfire that spread in Chilaune VDC of the Udayapur district on Tuesday.
(18 March, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/03/news_20090319_ne2.htm)

Mr. Nima Tenjing Serpa reported dead by a forest fire in Kanchunjungha Conservation Area in Taplejung district. Four suspected persons were caught who set the fire.
(21 March, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation Record)

The Yak herder Mr. Wangduck Sherpa from Taplejung district is missing. 185 Yaks were killed by a forest fire in Thotne Khola pasture land of Pawakhola - 7 in Sankhuwasava district. Total value of the Yaks was estimated to be Nepalese rupees (NRs) 4.8 millions (1USD= about NRs 82).
(25 March, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/03/news_20090326_ne.htm)

Daughters of Mr. Bhakta Karki (Yamkha -7), Ms. Manita Karki (8) and Laxmi Karki (5) were killed by forest fire in Khotang district.
(29 March, www.nepalnews.com/samacharpatra.htm)

One child died and two persons injured by a forest fire in Mygdi district.
(7 April, www.ekantipur.com/np)

Two persons died in a forest fire in Panchthar district.
(7 April, Kantipur Television)

Six people, including one infant, died in a forest fire in Dhaulagiri district.
(17 April, www.gorkhapatra.org.np)

An eleven years young girl reported dead by a forest fire in Doti district.
(25 April, <http://www.annapurnapost.com/printedition.asp>)

Five people died on Saturday afternoon while fighting a fire in community forest in Hastichaur VDC-3 in Gulmi district. Those killed include three women and two men. The bodies are charred beyond recognition.
(25 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090427_np.htm)

Thirteen army personnel lost their lives in Ramechhap in Central Nepal on Thursday (23 April) while a soldier and four locals in Gulmi district in the western region were killed Saturday (25 April) when they were trying to extinguish wildfires, local media reported. Another person was reported killed Saturday in Dang district. Dozens of others have reportedly died this year due to fires.
(28 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090501_np.htm)

One person was severely injured while fighting fire coming towards the Hibalcha Village Development Committee -3 in Salyan district.
(2 May, www.ekantipur.com/np)

Mr. Kashinath Dhungana died in the fire in Janata Community Forest in Kavre district.
(8 May, www.ekantipur.com/np)

South Africa

The blaze which ripped across Cape Town late on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning has claimed the life of one person, a man who suffered third-degree burns and died in Groote Schuur Hospital on Wednesday afternoon as a result of his injuries.
(19 March, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/03/news_20090323_safr.htm)

A wildfire raced across the veld, claiming the lives of three women and leaving five more seriously injured over the weekend.
(1 Sept, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/09/news_20090901_za.htm)

A woman died while trying to extinguish a veld fire in Willowvale.
(6 Sept, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/09/news_20090907_za.htm)

New veld fires in the Eastern Cape at Dangwana village near Port St Johns have claimed four lives and destroyed about 10 homesteads.
(14 Sept, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/12/news_20091209_za.htm)

The funds will also go towards aiding fire-ravaged areas of the Transkei where last week veld fires claimed at least 15 lives while engulfing homes, livestock and destroying vital grazing land.
(21 Sept, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/09/news_20090921_zi.htm)

One person has been injured in veld fires that have ravaged parts of Cape Agulhas in the Overberg Region, the fire department said on Sunday.
(27 Dec, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/12/news_20091228_za.htm)

One man, a farm worker who was admitted to hospital after trying to put out a fire, has died.
(30 Dec, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2010/01/news_20100104_za3.htm)

A viticulturist from Elgin is making good progress in the Vergelegen Mediclinic in Somerset West this morning after being injured in a New Year's Eve fire on his 3500 ha De Rust farm.
(2 Jan, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2010/01/news_20100104_za4.htm)

Spain

A helicopter crashed in Mollet del Vallès (Barcelona). Two crew members were killed.
(22 June, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/06/news_20090622_es.htm)

Four fire-fighters lost their lives as they were surrounded by the flames when surprised by a change in the wind direction. Another two men have suffered serious burns.
(22 July, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/07/news_20090722_es2.htm)

A firefighter who was trapped in a fast-moving forest fire in eastern Spain Tuesday and hospitalized with severe burns, died Friday near Barcelona, the Catalan regional government said on its Web site. He was the sixth firefighter this week to die from forest fires raging around Spain.
(24 July, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/07/news_20090727_es.htm)

USA

A rural firefighter was killed Saturday afternoon after being involved in a head-on collision with his son as they fought to extinguish a grass fire.
(3 Jan, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/01/news_20090105_us.htm)

Two Deer Creek firefighters injured while fighting a grass fire Sunday were home Monday recovering from first- and second-degree burns.
(3 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090204_us.htm)

An Old Fort police officer and his father were seriously injured Thursday after they were trapped on the back side of an out-of-control brush fire and had to run through the flames to escape, authorities say.
(5 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090208_us2.htm)

A volunteer firefighter died Friday night while fighting a large grass fire near Mannford.
(21 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090222_us5.htm)

A 52-year-old man was severely burned in a grass fire early Saturday morning in the 100 block of East Highway 80.
(21 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090223_us.htm)

One firefighter was injured.

(24 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090226_us4.htm)

A man was severely burned as he attempted to put out a brush fire Wednesday afternoon at a mobile home park near Mebane.

(25 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090227_us2.htm)

Investigators say firefighters received a call about a grass fire at 5 a.m., and when they arrived in the 6000 block of Imperial Drive, they found a severely burned body lying in the grass by the side of the road.

(25 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090226_us3.htm)

Fire officials told Volunteer TV News that there was a brush fire in the area of the crime scene, and the body appeared to be burned.

(26 Feb, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/02/news_20090227_us.htm)

What was supposed to be a controlled burn of pastureland has taken the life of a rancher in south-central Kansas. A second rancher was injured.

(8 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090410_us5.htm)

A state Department of Natural Resources plane being used to help spot grass fires in central Wisconsin crashed Wednesday, killing one person, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said.

(9 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090410_us3.htm)

A woman in Montague County died Thursday, perhaps from a heart attack, bringing the death toll from wind-whipped wildfires to three, officials said Friday.

(10 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090414_us6.htm)

One person was injured in a brush fire Thursday in a wooded area at the Village Park.

(17 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090420_us3.htm)

A Kansas firefighter died Tuesday after he suffered a heart attack while returning from a grass fire call.

(24 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090427_us5.htm)

A man who suffered second and third-degree burns while fighting a grass fire that broke out near Beatrice, has died.

(25 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090427_us7.htm)

A converted military plane crashed in heavy fog in the Oquirrh mountains, killing three crew members of a private Montana-based firefighting company, the Tooele County sheriff said Saturday.

(26 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090427_us6.htm)

An autopsy will be performed today on a Bald Knob farmer who died in a brush fire on St. Johns Road Monday.

(28 April, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/04/news_20090429_us.htm)

A brush fire has caused the death of a 91-year-old man who was tending it in Portage County.

(4 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090506_us2.htm)

A Norfolk man was burned Sunday while trying to extinguish a grass fire on his property.

(4 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090506_us.htm)

Two pilots were killed in a Marine helicopter crash in a remote section of the Cleveland National Forest in eastern San Diego County.

(6 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090508_us5.htm)

A wildfire fueled by dry grass and brush has destroyed three homes and injured one person near Sierra Vista, in southeastern Arizona.

(6 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090508_us2.htm)

A man was taken to the hospital Thursday night after firefighters say it appears he was trying to fight a grass fire that got away from him.

(7 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090511_us4.htm)

A female Martin County Sheriff's Office deputy was injured after crashing her cruiser on the way to the Indiantown brush fire on Monday.

(11 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090513_us6.htm)

The fire injured 29 firefighters. Most of the injuries were minor but two Ventura County firefighters were burned and a third suffered smoke inhalation when they were trapped in a burning home they had tried to protect.

(13 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090513_us9.htm)

Sixty-year-old David Milby was burned over 26 percent of his body, receiving second- and third-degree burns on his face, arms and back while helping battle wildfires April 9 near Wellston.

(13 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090513_us11.htm)

Two adults and three young children are killed in a weekend fire in southwest Missouri.

(18 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090520_us.htm)

An 80-year-old man suffered burns over 80 percent of his body this afternoon while apparently burning brush at his home on Padanarum Road in northern Warren County.

(21 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090525_us.htm)

The farmer was injured while he rushed to retrieve a fire extinguisher from his barn, a fire official said.

(21 May, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/05/news_20090522_us2.htm)

Three firemen with the Texas Forest Service were injured Monday and Tuesday battling wildfires that starting to intensify as the Houston-area copes with a hotter and dryer summer than usual.

(23 June, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/06/news_20090624_us4.htm)

One person has been injured while fighting a grass fire near Alta and Adams avenues northeast of Reedley.

(30 June, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/07/news_20090702_us.htm)

A 28-year-old southwest Idaho firefighter has been flown to Seattle with severe burns he suffered battling a wildfire in Alaska's Interior.

(10 July, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/07/news_20090713_us.htm)

The body of U.S. Forest Service fire apprentice Thomas Marovich was flown to his home in Hayward from the Arcata/Eureka Airport on Friday, three days after his tragic death during a helicopter rappel training accident outside Willow Creek.

(25 July, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/07/news_20090727_us.htm)

Brazoria County Emergency Management Coordinator Kenneth "Doc" Adams was in the cardiac unit of Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston on Thursday evening after collapsing at a grass fire on FM 523 south of Angleton earlier in the day.

(7 Aug, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/08/news_20090810_us.htm)

A crew of eight U.S. Forest Service firefighters suffered moderate to major injuries Saturday morning, after a semi truck collided with a wildland fire engine on Highway 99.

(23 Aug, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/08/news_20090824_us4.htm)

A firefighter was injured battling a blaze here that charred about 30 acres.

(25 Aug, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/08/news_20090827_us.htm)

The five-day-old wildfire burning out of control in the Los Angeles foothills and forest claimed its first victims on Sunday, two firefighters whose vehicle plummeted off the side of a road.

(31 Aug, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/08/news_20090831_us.htm)

Two firefighters have been killed and authorities are treating the probe into the fire's origins as a homicide investigation. Ten firefighters have been injured.
(7 Sept, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/09/news_20090909_us3.htm)

Two firefighters suffered heat-related injuries.
(10 Sept, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/09/news_20090914_us2.htm)

Four firefighters have been injured today while battling a 15-acre wildfire in the Fremont area.
(1 Oct, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/10/news_20091005_us.htm)

A brush fire has burned 20 acres east of San Juan Capistrano and resulted in two minor injuries to Orange County firefighters.
(16 Nov, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/11/news_20091123_us.htm)

Two children and their mother were hurt when their house went up in flames in northwest Harris County Saturday.
(21 Nov, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/11/news_20091123_us12.htm)

Detailed reports: <http://wildfiretoday.com/tag/fatality/>

Zimbabwe

A Goromonzi man was burnt to death while trying to put off veld fires.
(25 Aug, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/08/news_20090826_zi.htm)

An 11-year-old boy from Tengwe in Mashonaland West died after getting caught in a veld fire as he walked along a footpath. In a separate incident, a man from Goromonzi in Mashonaland East was burnt to death (see above).
(26 Aug, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/09/news_20090904_zw.htm)

Three people were burnt to death while property worth thousands of dollars was destroyed when a veld fire broke out in Acturus, near Harare.
(1 Sept, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/09/news_20090904_zw2.htm)

Veld fires have killed 10 people and damaged valuable property worth thousands of dollars in the past two weeks.
(16 Sept, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/09/news_20090916_zw.htm)

Not included in the summary below:

Korea

A Korea Forest Service firefighting helicopter crashed into a lake in a southern region yesterday, killing all three on board. The incident occurred during a drill when filling the tank.
(24 Nov, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/11/news_20091125_ko.htm)

USA

A man who suffered burns after accidentally catching fire while burning yard waste was flown by medical helicopter to an area hospital.
(6 Nov, http://www.fire.uni-freiburg.de/media/2009/11/news_20091109_us.htm)

Zimbabwe

At least 10 people died last year in veld fire-related incidents (editorial note: A retrospective report of 2010):
(7 Jun 2010, <http://www.sundaymail.co.zw/inside.aspx?sectid=17764&cat=1> and

Summary

- † 374 fatalities plus 160 injuries worldwide
- † Asia: 86 plus 35 injured
- † Australia: 176 plus 14 injured
- † Latin America: 19 plus 4 injured
- † North America: 30 plus 80 injured (Canada: 1 injured)
- † Europe: 11 plus 20 injured
- † Africa: 52 plus 7 injured

Fatalities (death) total: 374

- Firefighters: 54
- Military: 16
- Civilians: 304

Injuries total: 160

- Firefighters: 101
- Military: 0
- Civilians: 59

		Fatalities	Injuries
Asia	Firefighters	16	9
	Civilians	56	26
	Military	14	0
Australia	Firefighters	0	8
	Civilians	176	6
Latin America	Firefighters	17	4
	Civilians	2	0
North America	Firefighters	12	65
	Civilians	16	15
	Military	2	0
Europe	Firefighters	9	15
	Civilians	2	5
Africa	Firefighters	0	0
	Civilians	52	7
TOTAL		374	160

Total fatalities and injuries by continents and countries

Africa (59)

Cameroon	02
South Africa	32
Zimbabwe	15

Asia (121)

China	11
India	51
Japan	01
Nepal	58

Australia 190

Europe (31)

Austria	09
France	05
Germany	05

Greece	01
Italy	02
Spain	09

Latin America (23)

Argentina	03
Chile	13
Colombia	04
Mexico	03

North America (110)

Canada	01
USA	109

For comparison: Official reports from the USA

1) USFA Report

<http://www.firehouse.com/topics/top-headlines/usfa-report-firefighter-deaths-lowest-1993>

Updated: Wednesday, 13 January 2010: "Eight wildland fire personnel were killed".

2) Report on wildland fire fatalities 2007-2009 (by Wildfire Today) and 2009 Safety Gram

http://wildfiretoday.com/documents/2007_2009_Fatalities_Report.pdf

<http://wildfiretoday.com/2010/02/22/report-on-wildland-fire-fatalities-2007-2009/>

Detailed analysis of fatalities. Stating that 15 wildland firefighters died in 2009.

Identical numbers contained in the 2009 Safety Gram (NWCG Safety & Health Working Team):

<http://wildfiretoday.com/2010/02/26/2009-safety-gram/>

http://wildfiretoday.com/documents/2009_SafetyGram.pdf