

IAWF has received notice of the following wildland firefighter fatality:

Name: Dennis M. Simmons

Rank: Firefighter

Age: 63

Gender: Male

Status: Volunteer

Years of Service: 7

Date of Incident: 04/21/2009

Time of Incident: 1800hrs

Date of Death: 04/21/2009

Fire Department: Stafford County Fire Department

Address: 636 E 4th AVE, St. John, KS 67576

Fire Department Chief: Interim Chief T. J. Rockenbach

Incident Description: Firefighter Simmons was returning to the fire station following a grass fire when he suffered a heart attack. He was transported to the Central Kansas Medical Center where he passed away a short time later.

Our condolences to the family.

There have been six previous US wildland fire fatalities in 2009.

- John C. Meyer, firefighter/mechanic, 01/03/09
- John W. Adams, firefighter, Oklahoma, 02/02/2009
- William Roger Vorwark, firefighter, Missouri, 03/14/2009
- Roger Hershner, pilot, Kansas, 03/08/2009
- Gregory Carroll Cooke, firefighter, North Carolina, 03/21/2009
- Heath Van Handel, pilot, Wisconsin, 04/08/2009

These individual and annual US wildland fire fatality listings may not always compare to those provided by other organizations and are also subject to further review.