

USA Firefighter Fatality Notification

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) has received notice of the following firefighter fatality:

Name: John Hammack
Rank: Firefighter
Age: 58
Gender: Male
Status: Wildland Contract
Date of Incident: 08/01/2013
Time of Incident: 0913hrs
Date of Death: 08/01/2013

Fire Department: U.S. Forest Service - Deschutes National Forest
Address: 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, OR 97701

Incident Description: Firefighter Hammack was killed by the top portion of a snag that fell and struck him and another firefighter who was injured in the incident. The firefighters were clearing away hazardous trees on a wildfire, Incident #398, in the Mt. Washington Wilderness Area of Oregon. Hammack was taken to the Redmond Memorial Chapel the following afternoon after a recovery effort by the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office who is also conducting an investigation into the death.

Incident Location: Near Dugout Lake, Mt. Washington Wilderness Area, OR

Tribute is being paid to Firefighter John Hammack at <http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities/>