

IAWF has received notice of the following wildland firefighter fatality from the US Fire Administration:

Name: John W. Adams
Rank: Firefighter
Age: 45
Gender: Male
Status: Volunteer
Years of Service: 5
Date of Incident: 02/20/2009
Time of Incident: 1030 hrs
Date of Death: 02/20/2009
Address: 5550 S. 433rd West Ave., Jennings, OK 74038
Fire Department Chief: Brutus Beall, Silver City Volunteer Fire Dept.

Incident Description: Nearly a dozen hours after the (600) acre grass fire had begun; Firefighter Adams collapsed and stopped breathing at approximately 2200hrs while he was backing his fire apparatus along the side of Hwy 51. Adams was assisted by other responders but succumbed to his injury and was pronounced at the scene.

Authorities suspect the fire was intentional because three fires were set within a mile of each other, just moments apart.

Incident Location: Near Mannford, OK.

Map View:

<http://www.fidnet.com/~jlmoore/usng/?zoom=10&usng=14SQF4103601559&disp=h>

More information on the fatality incident may be found at:

<http://wildfiretoday.blogspot.com/>

There has been one previous US wildland fire fatality in 2009.
John C. Meyer, firefighter/mechanic, 01/03/09