

# USA Firefighter Fatality Notification

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

Name: Brian Massey  
Rank: Fire Engineer  
Age: 56  
Gender: Male  
Status: Career  
Years of Service: 27  
Date of Incident: 05/19/2017  
Time of Incident: 0518hrs  
Date of Death: 05/20/2017

Fire Department: Kern County Fire Department  
Address: 5642 Victor Street, Bakersfield, CA 93308-4056  
Fire Department Chief: Brian Marshall

Incident Description: On May 18, 2017, Fire Engineer Brian Massey started a 48-hour shift by participating in a wildland firefighting class which included strenuous simulation training, causing him to vigorously exert himself. At 0800hrs on May 20, 2017, Massey completed his shift which, in addition to the wildland firefighting training, included several emergency response calls. Later that day, while at home, Massey suffered a significant medical event. He was transported to a local hospital where he died of a nature and cause of fatal injury still to be determined.

Incident Location: 20055 Highway 166, Kern County, CA 93225