

USA Firefighter Fatality Notification

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

Name: Charles M. Tucker
Rank: Firefighter
Age: 56
Gender: Male
Status: Volunteer
Years of Service: 2+
Date of Incident: 03/30/2016
Time of Incident: 1500hrs
Date of Death: 04/02/2016

Fire Department: Lynn Fire & Rescue
Address: 2625 County Road, Lynn, AL 35575
Fire Department Chief: David Harris

Incident Description: On March 30, 2016, Firefighter Tucker responded from home with his son, Austin, a 16-year-old Junior Member of Lynn Fire & Rescue, to a grass and woods fire on Winston County Road 37. Once units cleared the fire scene, Firefighter Tucker was driving with his son back home when, for a cause still to be determined, their privately owned pickup truck veered off of the highway and struck an empty logging trailer parked nearby. Lynn Fire & Rescue and other emergency services responded to the scene finding both occupants badly injured and entrapped in the vehicle. After extensive extrication efforts, Firefighter Tucker and his son were flown by medical helicopter to UAB Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama. Firefighter Tucker succumbed to his injuries sustained in the early morning hours of April 2, 2016. Junior Firefighter Austin Tucker remains in UAB Children's Hospital recovering from his injuries. The fatal accident is under investigation by the Alabama Highway Patrol.

Incident Location: Outdoor fire - Winston County Road 37; MVA - Intersection of Hwy 278 & Hwy 13