

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

**Darren D. Krull**

Chief

Elwood Volunteer Fire Department  
Elwood, NE

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On Thursday, April 7, 2022, Chief Darren D. Krull was a passenger in a Ford Expedition, driven by the Phelps County Emergency Manager. They were enroute to a wildland fire, when they were struck head on by a water transfer tank, approximately 8 miles of Arapahoe on Highway 283. Chief Krull was rushed to the Chambers Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The Phelps County Emergency Manager was transported to the hospital and listed in stable but critical condition. Fire and smoke in the area caused zero visibility conditions on the roadway at the time of the crash. Investigation into the incident is ongoing.

Age: 54

Gender: Male

Status: Volunteer

Years of Service: 36

Date of Incident: April 7, 2022

Date of Death: April 7, 2022