

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

## **Marcus Pacheco**

Assistant Fire Engine Operator

United States Forest Service- Lassen National Forest  
Susanville, CA

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While assigned to the Dixie Fire, Aug. 10-29, 2021, Assistant Fire Engine Operator Marcus Pacheco had close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual. He became ill and tested positive for the virus on Aug. 29, 2021. Assistant Fire Engine Operator Pacheco passed away due to complications from the virus on Sept. 2, 2021.

Age: 53

Gender: Male

Status: Wildland

Years of Service: 33

Date of Incident: August 29, 2021

Date of Death: September 2, 2021