



24-Hour Report on the Cedar Canyon Fire Accidents Oklahoma Forestry Services

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Date of Report: March 27, 2026

Location: Cedar Canyon Fire

Approx. 6 miles southwest of Okeene, OK in Blaine County

Fire Size: 620 acres

Date of Occurrence: March 26, 2026

Time of Occurrences: Variable

Mission: Wildland Fire Suppression – Initial Attack

Number Injured: Three (3)

Number of Fatalities: 0

Narrative:

On Thursday, March 27, 2026, there were three accidents/incidents that occurred during initial attack efforts on the Cedar Canyon Fire. Each event will be described below:

Event A - A member of the Okeene Volunteer Fire Department sustained burns when the engine he was operating shut down, forcing him and another member of the fire department to escape on foot when gusting winds increased fire behavior. The firefighter was treated at a local hospital for 2nd and 3rd degree burns and was later transferred to Baptist Medical center in Oklahoma City.

At approximately 1630, an Okeene VFD T6 was assigned to work the west flank of the fire utilizing pump and roll tactics. The engine was working in unburned fuels when it suddenly shutdown, including the pump motor. The engine boss and engine operator began trouble shooting the issue feeling like they had enough space from the active flank to do so. A series of wind gusts caused the fire to increase in intensity and rate of spread triggering the two firefighters to flee on foot. One of the firefighters was impacted by the flaming front resulting in burns to both arms, back of the neck, ears and nose. He was able to make it out on his own to a winter wheat field where he was treated on scene by EMS and later transferred to a local hospital.

Event B - A member of the Okeene Volunteer Fire Department was injured when the heavy brush truck he was operating ran off into a ravine. The sudden drop caused the driver's head to impact the roof of the truck, resulting in head and neck injuries. The firefighter was treated at a local hospital for a concussion and compression injury to his neck.

At approximately 1530, an Okeene VFD brush truck was traveling near the north end of the fire providing direct attack support as part of a taskforce when the truck went off into a ravine that was not visible due to smokey conditions. This caused the driver to bounce straight up striking the top of the cab with his head and sustaining a laceration. He was treated on scene by EMS later being transferred to a nearby hospital for evaluation and a CT scan.

Event C – A member of the Loyal Volunteer Fire Department suffered a heart attack after responding to the Cedar Canyon Fire in NW Oklahoma. The firefighter was transferred via Life Flight to Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City where he is in stable but critical condition.

At approximately 1712, a Loyal VFD brush truck was providing structure protection which included a firing operation to secure the values at risk. At completion of the firing operation, one of the firefighters asked to go to a rehab station setup at the incident. After his vitals were taken, it was decided to immediately transport via ambulance to Baptist Medical Center. Enroute the patient started to complain about chest pains and the heart attack occurred. EMS was able to revive patient near Kingfisher, OK and stabilize him enough for Life Flight transport to Oklahoma City.

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