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

Fire Safety Chief Dan Louis Hernandez Jr.

Slocum Volunteer Fire Department

Elkhart, Texas

On July 7, 2026, Fire Safety Chief Dan Hernandez Jr. responded to a brush fire. While at the scene of the fire, Fire Safety Chief Hernandez suffered a cardiovascular event. He was transported to a regional medical center where he was stabilized. He was then transferred to another hospital where, despite all efforts, he passed away on July 11, 2026.

Age: 71

Classification: Volunteer

Years of service: 28

Date of incident: July 7, 2026

Date of death: July 11, 2026