



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Washington, D.C. 20240



August 31, 2026

Memorandum

To: Designated Agency Safety and Health Official

Subject: Preliminary (24-Hour) Report

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION: Cache, OK

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: August 29, 2026

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 4:09 pm

TEAM LEADER: Eric Fransted

ACTIVITY: Emergency response for structure fire

NUMBER OF INJURIES: N/A

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: One

PROPERTY DAMAGE (such as to vessels, equipment, and structures): N/A

NARRATIVE: Federal Wildlife Officer responded to a call for assistance regarding a structure fire that had trapped individuals inside. This fire is understood to be a part of a DOI wildland fire incident. The officer communicated he was severely burned and communication was then lost. The building became engulfed in flames.

When it was safe to do so, searches were conducted and human remains along with a duty belt, body armor vest, and badge were retrieved. The remains were transported to the Oklahoma City, OK Medical Examiner's office at approximately 10:09 pm. The remains have been identified, and the name has been released.

The Serious Accident Investigation Team is being assembled.

Refuge LE Chief

cc:

Bureau Safety and Health Manager

Director, DOI Office of Occupational Safety and Health

Office of Fire and Aviation Safety Manager (only if a fire-related accident)