



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Washington, D.C. 20240



September 3, 2026

Memorandum

To: Designated Agency Safety and Health Official

Subject: Expanded (72-Hour) Report

NAME OF INJURED OR DECEASED: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Wildlife Officer David Taylor.

24-HOUR REPORT 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.

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION FINDINGS:

The Serious Accident Investigation Team arrived on September 2nd, conducted a site visit, interviewed local wildland fire staff and consulted with law enforcement. Upon receipt of additional information from law enforcement, the Serious Accident Investigation has been suspended.

Eric Fransted
Serious Accident Investigation Team Leader

cc:

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