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

Firefighter Kaitlyn “KK” Gallagher

USDA Forest Service, Kisatchie National Forest

Pineville, Louisiana

Firefighter Kaitlyn Gallagher and another firefighter were operating a UTV while battling the Broken Creek Fire in the Kisatchie National Forest when a tree struck the vehicle and injured both occupants. Firefighter Gallagher succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased by the local coroner’s office. The other injured firefighter was transported to a local hospital where they were treated and released.

Age: 24

Classification: Wildland Full-Time

Years of service: 2

Date of incident: Oct 14, 2026

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