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County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Informational Preliminary Report of LACoFD Injuries



**“San Fran” Incident
Active Duty Death
Incident 12-078635**

April 3, 2012

**Camp 14
35100 San Francisquito Canyon
Saugus, CA 91350**

This Preliminary Summary Report is intended as an aid in accident prevention and to provide factual information from the incident. It is published and distributed within a short time frame. Information contained within may be subject to revision as a further investigation is conducted, and other reports and documents are received.

SYNOPSIS

This is a preliminary summary report on an active duty death near Los Angeles County Fire Camp 14 on April 3, 2012. A fire captain, working as a fire crew supervisor, suffered cardiac arrest while participating in a routine morning physical training hike with his crew. The Captain was pronounced dead at the hospital.

A Serious Accident Review Team (SART) has been initiated to evaluate the incident.

NARRATIVE

On April 3, 2012, at approximately 0900 hours, inmate crews 14-1, 14-2, 14-3 and 14-4 began their hike above Fire Camp 14. The Fire Captain along with three other fire crew supervisors started the hike, with the Captain taking the rear position to account for all of the inmates. Upon returning to Fire Camp 14, it was determined that the Captain had not returned and a search operation was immediately initiated.

The Captain was found on the hiking trail in cardiac arrest at approximately 1055 hours. Rescue efforts were initiated and additional resources were requested through Dispatch (LACC). Engine 156, Paramedic Squad 111, Copter 15 and Battalion Chief 6 were dispatched and arrived to assist. The Captain was flown to Henry Mayo Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 1220 hours.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS FOR REVIEW

The following safety considerations are generic in nature and not based on a detailed review of this incident.

- Ensure personnel take advantage of available communication devices when away from vehicles; i.e. radios, cell phones, etc.
- Be aware of your personal hydration and diet before beginning arduous physical exertion.