

24/72 Hour Report Maple Springs Fire Fatality

To: Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO)

Subject: Combined 24 and 72 Hour Report

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION: Maple Springs Fire, Graham County, North Carolina

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: November 30, 2016

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Undetermined

LOCAL AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: Hurston A. Nicholas, Forest Supervisor

ACTIVITY: Incident Command Post Support for the Maple Springs Fire

NUMBER OF INJURIES: 0

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 1

PROPERTY DAMAGE: None

NARRATIVE: During the early morning hours of November 30th while assigned to the Maple Springs Fire in North Carolina, Darryl Elden Vielle, a member of Blackfeet Tribal Agency Camp Crew 3 was found deceased in his motel room. Cardio pulmonary resuscitation was administered by local emergency personnel and initially they had determined the individual may have passed several hours earlier prior to the discovery. While assigned to the Maple Spring Fire, the crew dispensed, loaded, distributed and inventoried supplies, loaded trucks, and maintained and cleaned buildings to keep the Incident Command Post clean and organized.

The family of the deceased has been notified by the Blackfeet Agency in Browning, Montana, and an initial autopsy is being performed by a local coroner at the Townson Funeral Home in Robbinsville, North Carolina, near the incident location.

The Incident Management Team Incident Commander of the incident has been working with the Blackfeet Agency and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) line officers to coordinate the efforts of transporting the deceased back to the Blackfeet Reservation in Browning, Montana. The Incident is working with the Honor Guard and the Eastern Region of the BIA to help with transport from North Carolina to the final location of the deceased.

Incidents of this type usually require additional support, and the Blackfeet Agency in conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs have been coordinating efforts to have a "Critical Incident Management Team" (CISM) be assigned to the family, Blackfeet Camp Crew 3 personnel, and agency personnel to help them through this process.