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**File Code:** 6700/5100

**Date:** August 24, 2013

**Route To:**

**Subject:** Preliminary 24-hour Briefing of Fire Shelter use

**To:** Deputy Regional Forester – Jeanne Wade-Evans

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Location:** San Bernardino National Forest, Little Fire.

**Date of occurrence:** August 24, 2013

**Time of occurrence:** Approximately 1800 hours PDT

**Report By:** Shawna Legarza

**Activity:** Fire Suppression

**Mission:** Initial Attack.

**Number of fatalities:** None

**Narrative:**

At approximately 1800 on Saturday, August 24, 2013, crewmembers working on BDF Engine 52 were forced to take refuge in a pre-identified Safety Zone. The firefighters were unexpectedly caught in a fire behavior related situation. They used their shelters to protect themselves against the radiant heat and smoke. No injuries were sustained.

A Facilitated Learning Analysis Team is en route to the forest to conduct a review.

/s/Jody Noiron  
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