

# USA Firefighter Fatality Notification

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

Name: Dave "Chief 5" Anderson

Rank: Fire Chief

Age: 66

Gender: Male

Status: Volunteer

Years of Service: 45

Date of Incident: 07/22/2014

Time of Incident: 1000hrs

Date of Death: 08/25/2014

Fire Department: Fort Shaw Fire Department

Address: P.O. Box #68, 140 Campbell Street, Ft. Shaw, Mt. 59443

Fire Department Chief: Assistant Chief/Acting Chief Craig Askeland

Incident Description: Several weeks after being injured in a collision between two Fort Shaw fire trucks responding to a grass fire near Vaughn, Montana, Fire Chief Anderson passed away in Peace Hospice of Great Falls. According to media reports, Montana Highway Patrol said the driver of the other truck, a brush truck, missed a turnoff en route to the fire and was making a U-turn when Anderson crashed into him. The water tender (tanker) truck driven by Anderson tipped on its side and Anderson had to be extricated from the wreck. He was then transported to the hospital by ambulance. Anderson was later transferred to a Billings rehabilitation facility that specializes in traumatic brain injury, and then transferred to Peace Hospice. The driver of the second vehicle involved in the accident was not injured.

Incident Location: Hwy 89 near Vaughn, MT

Tribute is being paid to Fire Chief Dave "Chief 5" Anderson at <http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities/>