

# USA Firefighter Fatality Notification

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

Name: John C. Cammack  
Rank: Firefighter  
Age: 74  
Gender: Male  
Status: Volunteer  
Years of Service: 29+  
Date of Incident: 06/21/2017  
Time of Incident: 1740hrs  
Date of Death: 06/22/2017

Fire Department: Nara Visa Fire Department  
Address: 25 S 4th St POB 303, Nara Visa, NM 88430  
Fire Department Chief: Gary Girard

Incident Description: On Wednesday, June 21, 2017, while attempting to fill tankers on a wildland fire involving several local fire departments, Firefighter John C. Cammack fell from the back of a firefighting apparatus as it was escaping from wind driven flames that had switched direction and burned over their location. A second firefighter, Kyle Perez, was also hanging onto the truck as it drove through the flames and was injured. Perez said that after Cammack fell from the truck, they quickly returned to find him walking towards them, apparently badly injured. As they approached, Cammack first inquired to Perez' condition, asking if the thirty-five year-old firefighter was okay. Cammack was then treated by fellow responders and both firefighters were transported to the hospital. Firefighter Cammack succumbed on Thursday, June 22, 2017, to injuries sustained. Perez was later released from the hospital.

Incident Location: Approximately five miles south of Obar, NM

Tribute is being paid to Firefighter John C. Cammack at <http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities/>