

USA Firefighter Fatality Notification

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

Name: Herbert Tyler "Butch" Wilcox

Rank: Firefighter

Age: 77

Gender: Male

Status: Volunteer

Years of Service: 57

Date of Incident: 04/18/2018

Time of Incident: 1605hrs

Date of Death: 04/19/2018

Fire Department: Rocky Mount Volunteer Fire Department

Address: 1205 North Main Street, Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Fire Department Chief: Jeff Rakes

Incident Description: Firefighter Wilcox responded to two fire calls on April 18, 2018, one at 1300hrs and a brush fire at 1605hrs. After returning from the brush fire, Wilcox complained of neck and back pain. He went to a local MediCenter where he was examined and then sent home. At approximately 0730hrs the next morning, Firefighter Wilcox's wife tried to wake him but found him unresponsive and immediately called 911. Emergency responders arrived on scene and began CPR, but after 30 minutes of resuscitation efforts, Firefighter Wilcox was pronounced deceased at his residence. The nature and cause of fatal injury is still to be determined.

Incident Location: Windy Lane, Rocky Mount, Virginia