

Incident Name: South Obenchain Fire Chainsaw Kick-Back (2020)

State: Oregon

Date: 9/11/20

Incident Type: Fall

Description of the Incident:

On the South Obenchain Fire on the Bureau of Land Management's Medford District, an Interagency Hotshot Crew firefighter was limbing overhead with a chainsaw when it kicked-back. The saw's powerhead struck the left shoulder, knocking the firefighter down into a patch of poison oak and dislocating the shoulder. The patient was initially attended to by a U.S. Forest Service EMT, then transported via agency vehicle to an Emergency Department. The patient was treated and released with three day's of prescribed rest and a follow-up appointment with an Orthopedist.

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