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On behalf of all our partners, colleagues, and staff at NIFC, the National Multi-Agency Coordinating group extends heartfelt condolences to the families of the nine firefighters who perished in the helicopter accident the evening of August 5, 2008. We share in mourning this tragic loss of life.

The national interagency wildland fire community is a unique cross-section of America and regardless of one's company, home unit or agency, there is a bond and sense of family throughout. We train, work, and live side-by-side and we all share a profound sense of loss at a time like this.

Sadly, this tragedy comes on the heels of other losses in the wildland fire community. In all, we have lost 19 firefighters in 2008. As our hearts and thoughts go out to the families, friends and colleagues of each of these individuals, we also join together in hoping we have no more losses. We have months of fire season yet ahead and encourage everyone to be safe today, tomorrow, and always.

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