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**FROM :** National Wildfire Coordinating Group

**REPLY TO :** NWCG@nifc.gov

**DATE :** 04/19/2006

**SUBJECT :** SAFETY BULLETIN : Sabine Entrapment 24 hr Report

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As many of you are aware, there was an entrapment, and subsequent shelter deployment during a prescribed fire operation on the Sabine NF in TX on Monday, the 17th of April. Attached is the 24 Hr. Report. An Investigation Team has been identified and is in route to TX. The individual (a BLM employee on detail to TX) sustained some 1st and 2nd degree burns to his hands and thigh. He was transported to LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, LA where he was treated and later released. Please use this information as an opportunity to remind all employees who participate in fire suppression or prescribed fire activities to remain cognizant of the inherent dangers of firefighting. The 72 hour report will also be sent as a Safety Bulletin when it is released.



Sabine Entrapment 24 Hr Report.doc

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## Wildland Fire Fatality and Entrapment Initial Report

Complete this report for fire-related entrapment and/or fatalities. Timely reporting of wildland-related entrapments or fatalities is necessary for the rapid dissemination of accurate information to the fire management community. It will also allow fire safety and equipment specialists to quickly respond to these events as appropriate. This initial report does not replace agency reporting or investigative responsibilities, policies, or procedures. Immediately notify the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC). Submit this written report within 24 hours—**even if some data are missing**—to the address given below.

NICC—National Interagency Fire Center  
3833 South Development Ave.  
Boise, ID 83705-5354

Phone: 208-387-5400  
Fax: 208-387-5414

NICC Intelligence Section  
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### 1. General Information

- Date of event 04/17/2006 \_\_\_\_\_ Time 1530\_\_
- Number of personnel involved 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of: Injuries 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Fatalities 0 \_\_\_\_\_

- Fire name, location, agency, etc.  
Compartment 71/72 Prescribe Burn \_\_\_\_  
Sabine Ranger District, Sabine NF \_\_\_\_  
3.5 miles north of Milan Tx \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Fatalities

- Type of accident:
    - Aircraft
    - Natural (lightning, tornado, etc.)
    - Medical (heart, stroke, heat, etc.)
    - Struck by falling object
  - Where fatality/entrapment occurred:
    - Fire site
    - Incident base
- Vehicle  
 Smoke  
 Entrapment  
 Other  
 In transit  
 Other

**Note: In the event of fatality(s), do not release name(s) until next of kin are notified.**

- Employing agency \_\_\_\_\_
- Unit name \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- For further information, contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Home unit address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fire-Related Information

- Fuel model 7 Southern Rough \_\_\_\_\_
- Temperature 92\_\_ RH 48\_\_ Wind 7-9 mph
- Topography lower\_slope position \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Slope 2-10%
- Fire size at the time of the incident/accident 141 acres

- Incident management type at the time of the incident/accident (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- Urban/wildland intermix?  Yes  No
- Cause of fire:  Natural  Incendiary  
 Accidental  Unknown

**Prescribe Burn**

## 4. Entrapment Information

A situation where personnel are unexpectedly caught in a fire-behavior-related, life-threatening position where escape routes or safety zones are absent, inadequate, or have been compromised. An entrapment may or may not include deployment of a fire shelter. Note: Engine and dozer burnovers also constitute entrapments.

• Brief description of the accident \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_Individual was widening a control line on the down wind side of a 141 acre prescribe burn unit with a drip torch in support of an aerial ignition operation. Individual was in the interior of the burn about 100 yards from the control line where he deployed.

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### Entrapment Description

- Person trapped  With fire shelter  Without fire shelter
- Burns/smoke injuries incurred while in fire shelter  Yes  No
- Burns/smoke injuries incurred while escaping entrapment  Yes  No
- Burns/smoke injuries incurred while fighting fire  Yes  No
- Fire shelter performed satisfactorily  Yes  No
- Fire shelter was available, but not used  Yes  No

### Personal Protective Equipment Used

- Fire shelter  Yes  No
- Protective pants  Yes  No
- Protective shirt  Yes  No
- Face/neck protection  Yes  No
- Gloves  Yes  No
- Hardhat  Yes  No
- Boots  Yes  No
- Goggles  Yes  No