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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group
REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov
DATE : 07/09/2011
SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : 24-Hour Report for CR 377 Fatalityl

Attached is the 24-Hour Report for the CR 377 incident/investigation. Please see that it receives wide distribution within your agency. When available, other investigation documents, specifically the 72 Hour Report and the final Factual Report, will be posted on the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center database for incident reports and lessons learned analyses (http://iirdb.wildfirelessons.net/main/Reviews.aspx)

CR 337 24 Hour Report_Final.pdf

24 Hour Preliminary Report

To: Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO)

Subject: Preliminary (24 Hour) Report

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LOCATION: CR 337 Fire, Palo Pinto County, Texas

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: July 7, 2011

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Approximately 1550

INCIDENT COMMANDER: Bob Houseman, NIMO

ACTIVITY: Bonneville IHC, Wildland Fire Fighting

NUMBER OF INJURIES: 0

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 1

PROPERTY DAMAGE: None

NARRATIVE: On July 7, 2011 at approximately 1550 hours, crewmembers from the Bonneville IHC were performing cold trailing operations after completing hand fireline construction in Division A of the CR 337 Fire. This location is approximately 5 miles northwest of Mineral Wells, in Palo Pinto County, Texas. Weather conditions were very hot, with afternoon temperatures exceeding 105 degrees Fahrenheit. Without exhibiting any noticeable signs of distress, crewmember Caleb Hamm lost consciousness and stopped breathing. Initial efforts to restore breathing were unsuccessful.

Emergency medical response was activated at approximately 1555 and at approximately 1700 Caleb arrived at Palo Pinto General Hospital in Mineral Wells. Caleb was pronounced dead by the attending physician shortly after.

A national serious accident investigation team, with interagency representation, has been assembled and will arrive in Mineral Wells on the evening of July 8, 2011.