

Firefighter Fatalities – 2000 to 2013

Based on United States Fire Administration information about on-duty firefighter fatalities.

Inspired by this [great graphic](#) (PDF) from Officer Down Memorial Page (www.odmp.org).

**Total
1821**

*Includes 343
killed 9/11/01*

Youngest: 14

Oldest: 86

Average age: 45.7

Under 20	45	3.1%	50-59	347	23.8%
20-29	193	13.2%	60-69	176	12.1%
30-39	244	16.7%	70-79	67	4.6%
40-49	379	26.0%	80 or older	9	0.6%

Note: Nearly all of the 343 killed on 9/11/01 are excluded in these totals, as most of their ages are not recorded in the USFA data.

Classification: Career (889/48.9%), Industrial (5/2.1%), Paid on Call (20/1.1%), Part-Time Paid (14/0.8%), Volunteer 786/43.2%), Wildland Contract (36/0.2%), Wildland Full-Time (39/2.1%), Wildland Part-Time (29/1.6%). These totals include the 343 career members killed in New York City on September 11, 2001.

By Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
244	238	548	187	187	188	229

Includes 343
killed 9/11/01

By Month

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
130	120	144	146	97	135	127	151	457	91	118	104

By Year

00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13
104	451	101	118	117	120	110	119	122	94	89	88	82	106

How They Died

Leading **causes** of death: Stress/Overexertion (718/48.9%), Struck By (203/13.8%), Vehicle Collision incl. aircraft (197/13.4%), Caught or Trapped (161/11%)

Including 9/11/01: Stress/Overexertion (718/39.6%), Collapse (382/21.1%), Struck By (203/10.9%), Vehicle Collision incl. aircraft (197/10.9%), Caught or Trapped (161/8.9%)

Leading **nature** of death: Heart Attack (663/44.9%), Trauma (440/29.8%), Asphyxiation (27/8.6%), Burns (80/5.4%), Other (51/3.5%), CVA (50/3.4%)

Including 9/11/01: Trauma (782/43.0%), Heart Attack (663/36.5%), Asphyxiation (127/7.0%), Burns (80/4.4%), Other (51/2.8%), CVA (50/2.8%)

Leading **activity** during death: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (incl. Wildland) (246/16.7%), Driving/Operating Veh/App (143/9.7%), Driving/Riding Personal Veh (117/7.9%).

Including 9/11/01: Search and Rescue (418/23.0%), Other (356/19.6%), Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (incl. Wildland) (246/13.5%), Driving/Operating Veh/App (143/7.9%), Driving/Riding Personal Veh (117/6.4%)

Note: Victims were not necessarily performing the classified activities at the exact time of their death. This data also includes firefighters who died from the injuries hours, days, or weeks later. The USFA data does not include time of injury or death.

When They Died

76% (1121) died on same day as their injuries

22% (326) died on a later day

Including 9/11/01:

82% (1494) died on same day as their injuries

18% (326) died on a later day

Firefighters who died on a date later than their injuries, by top distribution:

1 day later	120
2 to 31 days later	169
2 to 12 months later	16
2 to 5 years later	6
6 years or more later	7

Year with Fewer Deaths
82 in 2012

Incidents with Multiple Deaths
202

Gender? Length of Service?
Not recorded in USFA data.

Historical Perspective
From 1977 to 2013, the USFA has recorded **4448** firefighter fatalities. Excluding the 343 firefighters killed on September 11, 2001, the 4105 fatalities represent an average of 111 per year.

Fatalities by State
Not recorded in USFA data, but totaled in their annual reports. Haven't had a chance to parse.