Incident Summary Page for the Hotshot Crew Line of Duty Death

Name of Hotshots LODD:		Incident Name:
Kenneth Barnhill, age 19	Joel A Hill, age 19	Loop Fire
John D Verdugo, age 19	Raymond Chee, age 23	Incident Date & Time:
Daniel J Moore, age 21	William J Waller, age 21	11/01/1966
Frederick Danner, age 18	James A Moreland, age 22	
Michael R. White, age 20	John P Figlo, age 18	
Carl J Shilcutt, age 26	Stephen White, age 18	
Hotshot Crew:		Incident Location:
El Cariso		Angeles National Forest, California

Personal Information

This website link provides some personal background for each of the firefighters: https://www.firehero.org/2021/11/29/memorial-monday-the-loop-fire/

Brief description

The El Cariso Hotshot Crew was entrapped by flames while cold trailing downhill on a steep hillside in Pacoima Canyon on the Angeles National Forest in California. A spot fire below them was fanned by an unanticipated afternoon upslope wind that caused heat and flames to funnel up the steep canyon. Things happened quickly and the crew was unable to reach safety. Ten members of the crew died on the Loop Fire that day. Another two crew members died from burn injuries in the following days. Most of the 19 El Cariso crew members who survived were critically burned and remained hospitalized for some time.

Links to more information on this incident:

This fire has been identified as one of the 100 fires every firefighter should know about. Please go to the 100 Fires Project website and find the Loop Fire on the timeline for more extensive information and references: https://wffoundation.org/100fires

