

Incident Summary Page for the Hotshot Crew Line of Duty Death

Name of Hotshots LODD: Andrew Ashcraft, age 29 Travis Carter, age 31 Christopher MacKenzie, age 30 Grant McKee, age 21 Scott Norris, age 28 John Percin, age 24 Jesse Steed, age 36 Travis Turbyfill, age 27 Clayton Whitted, age 28 Garret Zuppiger, age 27	Robert Caldwell, age 23 Dustin Deford, age 24 Eric Marsh, age 43 Sean Misner, age 26 Wade Parker, age 22 Anthony Rose, age 23 Joe Thurston, age 32 William Warneke, age 25 Kevin Woyjeck, age 21	Incident Name: Yarnell Hill Fire
		Incident Date & Time: 06/30/2013
Hotshot Crew: Granite Mountain		Incident Location: Yarnell, Arizona

Personal Information

This website link provides some personal background for each of the firefighters:
<https://azstateparks.com/hotshots/the-hotshots/about-the-hotshots>

Brief description

Nineteen members of the Granite Mountain Hotshot Crew were killed on June 30 at the Yarnell Hill Fire in Arizona. The crew was attempting to relocate to a different part of the fire during the afternoon. While the crew was moving, a squall line of thunderstorms pushed through the area. The resulting strong downdraft winds caused a rapid increase in fire intensity and changed the direction spread by more than 90 degrees. As the fire front then pressed in their direction, the crew was trapped in a box canyon surrounded by unburned fuels. One crew member assigned as a lookout escaped with the assistance of another Hotshot Crew. The rest of the crew attempting to relocate, were overrun by the fire and all perished.

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 Yarnell Hill Fire on the timeline for more extensive information and references:
<https://wffoundation.org/100fires>

