

# Curtis Lloyd Jessen

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Curtis Lloyd Jessen was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	32
<b>Rank</b>	Assistant District Forester
<b>Classification</b>	Wildland Full-Time
<b>Incident date</b>	Aug 21, 2008 10:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Aug 21, 2008
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Fall
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Incident Command
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Memorial funds can be sent to the following Locations: North Catawba Baptist Youth Fund  
Attention Pastor Ken Atkins 1596 North Catawba Church Ave. Lenior N.C. 28645 Phone #  
828-728-9253 - - - And/or Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

[https://www.ducks.org/Support\\_DU/MemorialGifts/2483/MemorialGifts.html?from=supportlanding](https://www.ducks.org/Support_DU/MemorialGifts/2483/MemorialGifts.html?from=supportlanding)

## Department information

### North Carolina Division of Forest Resources, Region III

14 Gaston Mountain Road USNG: 17S LV 5215 3410

Asheville, NC 28806

Contact: Regional Forester Greg Yates

# Jeffrey Scott Bowen

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<b>Age</b>	37
<b>Rank</b>	Captain
<b>Classification</b>	Career
<b>Incident date</b>	Jul 28, 2011 12:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Jul 28, 2011
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Out of Air
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Asphyxiation
<b>Activity type</b>	Search and Rescue
<b>Emergency duty</b>	Yes
<b>Duty type</b>	On-Scene Fire
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Store/Office

## Memorial fund information:

A Fallen Firefighters Fund has been established to help the family of Captain Jeff Bowen, who lost his life, and for his partner Jay Bettencourt, who is currently receiving treatment at the burn center in Augusta, Georgia and for other City of Asheville firefighters injured while battling a four-alarm fire at 445 Biltmore Avenue on July 28, 2011. Mission Health System, in cooperation with the Asheville Fire Department, has created the Fallen Firefighters Fund to assist the families impacted by the July 28 fire. Mission Health System will match all contributions up to a total of \$10,000. The full amount of all contributions donated will go to the families, with no administrative charges applied. The Asheville Fire Department will distribute the funds. Contributions are tax-deductible and receipts will be issued by The Foundation. When all contributions have been distributed, any donor who wishes to view the usage of the funds may contact the Foundation for a full listing of all the payments made. Anyone interested in contributing to the Fallen Firefighters Fund may do so online [www.missionfoundation.org](http://www.missionfoundation.org) or may mail contributions to Mission Foundation, 980 Hendersonville Road, Suite C, Asheville, NC 28803. Please mark your checks "Fallen Firefighters Fund." For additional information, please contact Kelley Webb, (828) 251-4011 or [kwebb@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:kwebb@ashevillenc.gov).

## Department information

### Asheville Fire Department

100 Court Plaza, PO Box 7148 USNG: 17S LV 5959 4012

Asheville, NC 28802

Contact: Scott Burnette

# Richard Lee Sales

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Richard Lee Sales was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

<b>Age</b>	52
<b>Rank</b>	Fire Chief
<b>Classification</b>	Volunteer
<b>Incident date</b>	Apr 8, 2018 09:30
<b>Date of death</b>	Apr 8, 2018
<b>Cause of fatal injury</b>	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
<b>Nature of fatal injury</b>	Trauma
<b>Activity type</b>	Not On Scene
<b>Emergency duty</b>	No
<b>Duty type</b>	Other On-Duty
<b>Fixed property use</b>	Street/Road

## Department information

### Reynolds Volunteer Fire Department

235 Charlotte HWY U.S. National Grid: 17S LV 6615 3523  
Asheville, NC 28803

Contact: Assistant Fire Chief Kenneth Ledford

