

Jesse D. Gates

Jesse D. Gates 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.

Age:

Rank: Pilot

Classification: Career

Incident date: Jun 3, 1997

Date of death: Jun 3, 1997

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Ft Apache Indian Reservation and BIA Facility Mgt
Whiteriver, AZ

Leo A. Stevens

Leo A. Stevens 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.

Age: 55

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Career

Incident date: Jun 3, 1997

Date of death: Jun 3, 1997

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Riding Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Ft. Apache Indian Reservation and BIA Facility Mgt

Whiteriver, AZ

Richard G. Lupe

Richard G. Lupe 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.

Age: 43

Rank: Lead Forestry Technician

Classification: Career

Incident date: May 14, 2003 14:30

Date of death: Jun 19, 2003

Cause of death: Caught or Trapped

Nature of death: Burns

Activity type: Support

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Donations for the Lupe family can be made to the WMAT-Rick Lupe Donation Fund at any Wells Fargo Bank, account No. 3828332563. A Lupe Fund also has been set up at Arizona Federal Credit Union, account No. 468902.

Department information

BIA-Fort Apache Agency/Forestry/Fire
US Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency, P.O. Box 560
Whiteriver, AZ 85941
Chief: George Leech

Randall Bonito, Jr.

Randall Bonito, Jr. 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.

Age: 32

Rank: Firefighter/Helitack Crewmember

Classification: Career

Incident date: Jul 26, 2003 10:35

Date of death: Jul 26, 2003

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Riding Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Firefighter Bonito and the pilot (name/info pending) of a helicopter were both killed when for a cause still to be determined the helicopter crashed while taking firefighters from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to begin an initial attack on a fire in the Aspen Ridge area of Arizona.

Department information

BIA Fire Management
P.O. Box 560
Whiteriver, AZ 85941
Chief: George Leech

Jess Pearce

Jess Pearce 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.

Age: 50

Rank: Pilot

Classification: Career

Incident date: Jul 26, 2003 10:34

Date of death: Jul 26, 2003

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Arizona Federal Credit Union Acct # 468906, (<http://www.azfcu.org/>). Checks can also be sent to the 100 Club (in memory of Jess Pearce), 5151 North 19th Ave., Suite 204, Phoenix, AZ 85015

Department information

BIA Fire Management

P.O. Box 560

Whiteriver, AZ 85941

Chief: Fire Management Coordinator George Leech

Deon “Dino” Jason Classay

Deon “Dino” Jason Classay was included in the USFA’s annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 42

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Wildland Full-Time

Incident date: Jul 23, 2011 12:00

Date of death: Jul 24, 2011

Cause of death: Other

Nature of death: Other

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Agency
P.O. Box 560 USNG: 12S WC 95 44
Whiteriver, AZ 85941
Chief: Lynn Polacca, Deputy Superintendent

