

Charles Franklin Key

Charles Franklin Key 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: 59

Rank: Co-pilot

Classification: Career

Incident date: Jun 27, 1998

Date of death: Jun 27, 1998

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:

Department information

Neptune Aviation Services (USFS)
5225 Highway 10 West Missoula Airport
Missoula, MT 59808
Chief: Mark Timmons

Jerry David Donahue

Jerry David Donahue 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: 57

Rank: Pilot

Classification: Career

Incident date: Jun 27, 1998

Date of death: Jun 27, 1998

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:

Department information

Neptune Aviation Services (US Forest Service)
5225 Highway 10 West Missoula Airport
Missoula, MT 59808
Chief: Mark Timmons

Robert E. Kelly

Robert E. Kelly 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: 58

Rank: Aerial Firefighter/Chief Pilot

Classification: Career

Incident date: Jul 29, 1994

Date of death: Jul 29, 1994

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Burns

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

U.S. Forest Service, Missoula Aerial Fire Depot
Missoula International Airport 5225 Hwy 10 West, Box 17
Missoula, MT 59802
Chief: Mark Timmons (Neptune Inc. - Contract)

Randy C. Lynn

Randy C. Lynn 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: 44

Rank: Aerial Firefighter/Co-pilot

Classification: Career

Incident date: Jul 29, 1994

Date of death: Jul 29, 1994

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Burns

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

U.S. Forest Service, Missoula Aerial Fire Depot
Missoula International Airport 5225 Hwy 10 West, Box 17
Missoula, MT 59802
Chief: Mark Timmons (Neptune, Inc. - Contract)

Donald K Mackey

Donald K Mackey 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: 34

Rank: Smokejumper

Classification: Career

Incident date: Jul 6, 1994

Date of death: Jul 6, 1994

Cause of death: Caught or Trapped

Nature of death: Burns

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

USDA Forest Service

Missoula, MT

Frank Funston

Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

Age: 47

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Aug 27, 2000 10:00

Date of death: Aug 29, 2000

Cause of death:

Nature of death:

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Kootenai National Forest
1101 US Hwy. #2 West
Libby, MT 59923
Chief: Bob Castaneda

David Ray Rendek, Jr.

David Ray Rendek, 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: 24

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Career

Incident date: Sep 3, 2001 10:15

Date of death: Sep 3, 2001

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Support

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Bitterroot National Forest
1801 North First
Hamilton, MT 59840-3114
Chief: Spike Thompson, Dep. Forest Supervisor

Joan Esther Spear

Joan Esther Spear 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: 46

Rank: Senior Engine Boss

Classification: Career

Incident date: Mar 18, 2002 12:15

Date of death: Mar 18, 2002

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Cerebrovascular Accident

Activity type: Fitness Activity

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Training

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

MT DNRC Fire & Aviation Mgmt, Dillon Unit
MT DNRC Dillon Unit 730 North Montana Street
Dillon, MT 59725
Chief: Bobb Lawrence

Corey R Clawson

Corey R Clawson was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age: 33

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Aug 28, 1992

Date of death: Aug 28, 1992

Cause of death: Struck By

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type:

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use:

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Libby Volunteer Fire Department

Libby, MT

William Richard Grudzinski

William Richard Grudzinski 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: 46

Rank: Assistant Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jun 8, 2004 19:30

Date of death: Jun 8, 2004

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Fitness Activity

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Training

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: In memory of Assistant Chief Willie Grudzinski, C/o Bridger Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 60, Bridger, MT 59014

Department information

Bridger Volunteer Fire Department
PO Box 60
Bridger, MT 59104
Chief: Vern Adkins

Michael James MacDonald

Michael James MacDonald 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: 26

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Wildland Part-Time

Incident date: Jun 27, 2008 15:48

Date of death: Jun 29, 2008

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: N/A

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Chief Mountain Interagency HotShot Crew
Blackfeet Tribe PO Box 850
Browning, MT 59417
Chief: Superintendent Lyle St. Goddard

Calvin Gene Wahlstrom

Calvin Gene Wahlstrom 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: 61

Rank: Chief Pilot

Classification: Wildland Contract

Incident date: Sep 1, 2008 18:10

Date of death: Sep 1, 2008

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Pending

Department information

Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.
1 Corporate Way USNG: 11T QM 2256 9978
Missoula, MT 59808
Chief: Chief Executive Officer Mark Timmons

Gregory Jess Gonsioroski

Gregory Jess Gonsioroski 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: 41

Rank: First Officer - Pilot

Classification: Wildland Contract

Incident date: Sep 1, 2008 18:10

Date of death: Sep 1, 2008

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.
1 Corporate Way USNG: 11T QM 2256 9978
Missoula, MT 59808
Chief: Chief Executive Officer Mark Timmons

Zachary Jake VanderGriend

Zachary Jake VanderGriend 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: 25

Rank: Crew Chief - Mechanic

Classification: Wildland Contract

Incident date: Sep 1, 2008 18:10

Date of death: Sep 1, 2008

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Riding Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Pending

Department information

Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.
1 Corporate Way USNG: 11T QM 2256 9978
Missoula, MT 59808
Chief: Chief Executive Officer Mark Timmons

Jerry James Parrick

Jerry James Parrick 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: 59

Rank: Firefighter

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Dec 17, 2008 11:48

Date of death: Dec 17, 2008

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Scene Safety

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Non-Fire

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information: Unknown.

Department information

West End Volunteer Fire and Rescue
Box 110
De Borgia, MT 59830
Chief: Bruce Charles

Thomas Lowell Risk

Thomas Lowell Risk 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: 66

Rank: Captain/Pilot

Classification: Wildland Contract

Incident date: Apr 25, 2009 10:00

Date of death: Apr 25, 2009

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Cards and letters may be sent for the Risk Family, Flynn Family, and Buss Family, c/o Neptune Aviation Services, Inc., 2 Corporate Way Missoula, MT 59808. A "Brian Buss Memorial Fund" has been established for his two daughters at the First National Bank of Montana, 201 N. Higgins Ave., Missoula, MT 59802, Tele: (877) 362-6752.

Department information

Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.
1 Corporate Way USNG: 11T QM 2256 9978
Missoula, MT 59808
Chief: President Kristen Schloemer Nicolarsen

Michael Wayne Flynn

Michael Wayne Flynn 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: 59

Rank: First Officer/Copilot

Classification: Wildland Contract

Incident date: Apr 25, 2009 10:00

Date of death: Apr 25, 2009

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Cards and letters may be sent for the Risk Family, Flynn Family, and Buss Family, c/o Neptune Aviation Services, Inc., 2 Corporate Way Missoula, MT 59808. A "Brian Buss Memorial Fund" has been established for his two daughters at the First National Bank of Montana, 201 N. Higgins Ave., Missoula, MT 59802, Tele: (877) 362-6752.

Department information

Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.
1 Corporate Way USNG: 11T QM 2256 9978
Missoula, MT 59808
Chief: President Kristen Schloemer Nicolarsen

Brian Joseph Buss

Brian Joseph Buss 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: Crew Chief

Classification: Wildland Contract

Incident date: Apr 25, 2009 10:04

Date of death: Apr 25, 2009

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Cards and letters may be sent for the Risk Family, Flynn Family, and Buss Family, c/o Neptune Aviation Services, Inc., 2 Corporate Way Missoula, MT 59808. A "Brian Buss Memorial Fund" has been established for his two daughters at the First National Bank of Montana, 201 N. Higgins Ave., Missoula, MT 59802, Tele: (877) 362-6752.

Department information

Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.
2 Corporate Way USNG: 11T QM 2256 9978
Missoula, MT 59808
Chief: President Kristen Schloemer Nicolarsen

Todd Neal Tompkins

Todd Neal Tompkins 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: 48

Rank: Captain

Classification: Wildland Contract

Incident date: Jun 3, 2012 14:00

Date of death: Jun 3, 2012

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Pending

Department information

Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.
1 Corporate Way
Missoula, MT 59808
Chief: Chief Executive Officer Kristen Nicolarsen

Ronnie Edwin Chambless

Ronnie Edwin Chambless 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: 40

Rank: First Officer

Classification: Wildland Contract

Incident date: Jun 3, 2012 14:00

Date of death: Jun 3, 2012

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.
1 Corporate Way
Missoula, MT 59808
Chief: Chief Executive Officer Kristen Nicolarsen

Remy Hathaway Pochelon

Remy Hathaway Pochelon 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: 54

Rank: Fire Management Officer

Classification: Wildland Part-Time

Incident date: Sep 30, 2009

Date of death: Sep 30, 2009

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Cerebrovascular Accident

Activity type: Other

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: After

Fixed property use: Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information:

Department information

U.S. Forest Service

Philipsburg, MT

Todd Allen Rummel

Todd Allen Rummel was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age: 43

Rank: Fire Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jun 19, 2014 21:00

Date of death: Jun 19, 2014

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: Other On-Duty

Fixed property use: Street/Road

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Three Forks Volunteer Fire Department
PO Box 444, 13 East Date ST U.S. National Grid: 12T VR 5720 8220
Three Forks, MT 59752
Chief: Keith Aune

Douglas James Casson

Douglas James Casson 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: 46

Rank: Safety Officer

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Aug 6, 2014 02:00

Date of death: Aug 6, 2014

Cause of death: Stress/Overexertion

Nature of death: Heart Attack

Activity type: Not On Scene

Emergency duty: No

Duty type: After

Fixed property use:

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Vaughn Rural Volunteer Fire Department
380 Post Avenue
Vaughn, MT 59487
Chief: Jason McAllister

Dave “Chief 5” Anderson

Dave “Chief 5” Anderson 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: 66

Rank: Fire Chief

Classification: Volunteer

Incident date: Jul 22, 2014 10:00

Date of death: Aug 25, 2014

Cause of death: Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft

Nature of death: Trauma

Activity type: Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus

Emergency duty: Yes

Duty type: Responding

Fixed property use:

Memorial fund information:

Department information

Fort Shaw Fire Department
P.O. Box #68, 140 Campbell Street U.S. National Grid: 12T VT 387 620
Fort Shaw, MT 59443
Chief: Assist Chief/Acting Chief Craig Askeland

