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We have been advised that a potential applicant for Austin-Travis County (Texas) EMS died this morning during a physical agility simulation. The man was part of a program in which people who are interested in learning more about EMS observe what paramedics do and learn more about the agency's training program.

EMS training program died this morning of cardiac arrest. He was part of an "EMS community training program". The victim was going through a simulated agility exam when they went into cardiac arrest.

FIRE APPARATUS STRIKES FIREHOUSE

The public safety building in Wolfeboro (NH) suffered significant damage this morning when it was struck by the fire department's ladder truck. The truck hit a building column, and part of the bay area collapsed. No one was hurt and the WFD is investigating what caused the crash.

NORTH CHARLESTON FIRE UPDATE:

One of the 3 North Charleston firefighters injured while fighting a house fire yesterday remains in stable condition this evening at The Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta, Ga. FF John Bolton (who has been with the NCFD since February, but has previous years of service) had surgery today and did well. He has 2nd and deep 2nd degree burns on his left hand and 2nd degree on his wrists on his right hand. He is recovering and may be able to go home tomorrow. Fire Capt. William Odum, a 10-year-veteran, and FF Antwon Green, a five-year-veteran, were both released from the Medical University Hospital yesterday. We wish them all a rapid recovery. We have posted pictures of this fire and the conditions they encountered on our home page, as well as www.SConFire.com.

REMEMBERING THE 14 FIREFIGHTER LODD'S AT THE COLORADO "STORM KING" FIRE:

On July 6, 1994, the Colorado "Storm King fire" (also known as the South Canyon Fire), like most fires, started out as a routine fire but would result in the **Line of Duty Deaths of 14 Firefighters**.

It started small (about 50 acres), and wasn't growing rapidly. Initially it was low on the priority list for getting Firefighters deployed. Finally, a group of 52 firefighters and smoke jumpers were brought together to control the fire.

The Firefighters split up into two crews, most of them going below the fire to keep it from moving further towards Interstate 70. Out of nowhere, the wind completely changed direction, now gusting at speeds up to 47 miles per hour directly at the Firefighters. The wind created an incredible wall of flame, that was moving at them at a speed of about **30 feet per second**. The fire was reaching 200 - 300 feet high. The fire was not only above them, but it had moved below them too. There was a short ridge between them and the fire, so they weren't aware that it was as close as it was. It was about 270 feet from them and when they started running, it took only 10 to 15 seconds for the fire to reach where they were standing before they even started running.

Unfortunately, there weren't that many burned areas for the Firefighters to find safety in, and although they had survival shelters, a lot of the Firefighters tried to run uphill, to a ridge line, to try to escape the heavy fire conditions. Unfortunately some Firefighters didn't make it in time. This fire that had started

as a small, slow moving 50 acre fire, had just exploded into a 2,000 acre fire, killing 14 Firefighters operating from Colorado, Montana, Idaho, and Oregon.

We take time to remember Firefighters Kathi Beck, Tami Bickett, Scott Blecha, Levi Brinkley, Robert Browning, Doug Dunbar, Terri Hagen, Bonnie Holtby, Rob Johnson, Jon Kelso, Don Mackey, Roger Roth, James Thrash and Richard Tyler.

HERE is the Fire Report: http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs/rmrs_rp009/index.html

Take Care-BE CAREFUL.

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The Secret List 7-6-10 / 1859 Hours

www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com