

**BLUE SHEET
PRELIMINARY SUMMARY
REPORT**



**FIRE FIGHTER BURNOVER
MAJOR INJURY AND FATALITIES**

October 26, 2006

**ESPERANZA FIRE
RIVERSIDE UNIT**

CDF INCIDENT # CARRU 091190

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Summary

In Riverside County California, four firefighters were killed and a fifth is hospitalized in critical condition with third degree burns over 90% of his body.

Narrative

On Thursday October 26, 2006, at approximately 0730 HRS, a five person crew from a USDA Forest Service Fire Engine was overrun by fire while actively engaged in firefighting on the Esperanza Fire in Riverside County, California

Three firefighters were killed at the scene, a fourth died en-route to the hospital and the fifth is hospitalized in critical condition with third degree burns over 90% of his body.

At the time of the incident, a "Santa Ana" wind condition was present.

Recommendations

Maintain LCES and ensure that all personnel follow the "18 Situations that Shout Watch Out" and "10 Standard Firefighting Orders" at all times while engaged in firefighting activity.

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