

In recent weeks, the perilous nature of firefighting has been starkly highlighted by a series of tragic incidents. In Los Angeles, two firefighters are in critical condition, with several others injured following a devastating explosion. Meanwhile, in Karol Bagh, six firefighters sustained injuries from an LPG cylinder burst during intense firefighting operations. The dangers faced by these brave men and women are underscored by the grim statistic that six firefighters have lost their lives during rescue operations since 2016. Adding to the toll, a forest fire in Almora's Binsar Forest has claimed the lives of four firefighters and left four more injured while they bravely battled the blaze. These incidents serve as a sobering reminder of the risks inherent in firefighting and the valour of those who confront these dangers head-on.

2 firefighters in critical condition, several others hurt from explosion in Los Angeles

The flames were as high as telephone poles, officials said.

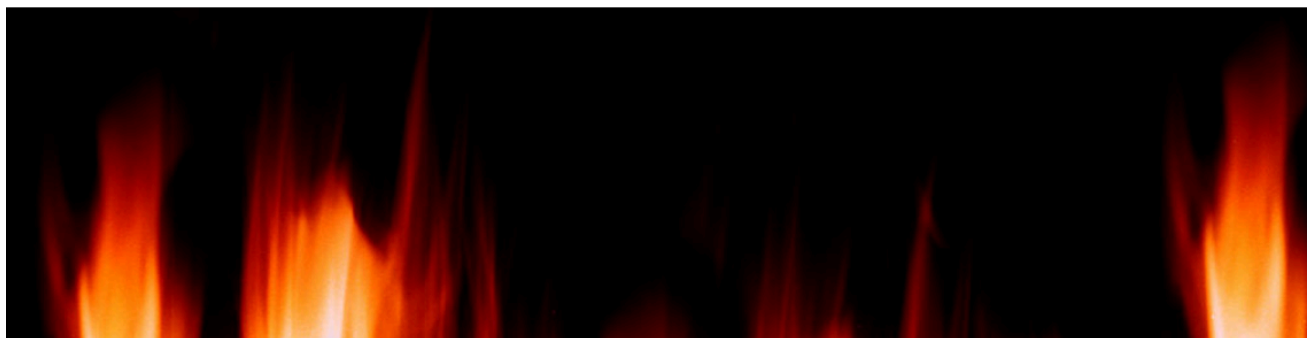
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<https://abcnews.go.com/US/2-firefighters-critical-condition-hurt-explosion-los-angeles/story?id=107262302>

Forest Fire In Uttarakhand's Almora: 4 Firefighters Died, 4 Injured While Dousing Fire In Binsar Forest



<https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/forest-fire-in-uttarakhands-almora-4-firefighters-died-4-injured-while-dousing-fire-in-binsar20240613220421/>

Six firemen hurt due to LPG cylinder burst during fighting operations in Karol Bagh

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Six firefighters were injured in a factory fire in Karol Bagh, New Delhi, after an LPG cylinder burst. The fire spread across four floors but was controlled.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news/six-firemen-hurt-due-to-lpg-cylinder-burst-during-fighting-operations-in-karol-bagh-101723653991274.html#:~:text=At%20least%20six%20firefighters%20were,burst%2C%20causing%20severe%20burn%20injuries.>

Six firemen died during rescue operations since 2016: Delhi Fire Service

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Hours after a fireman died when a battery factory collapsed in Peeragarhi here following an explosion, the Delhi Fire Service on Thursday said six firefighters have lost their lives during rescue operations since 2016.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/six-firemen-died-during-rescue-operations-since-2016-delhi-fire-service/articleshow/73074626.cms#:~:text=Six%20firemen%20died%20during%20rescue%20operations%20since%202016%3A%20Delhi%20Fire%20Service,-PTI%20%2F%20Jan%202&text=NEW%20DELHI%3A%20Hours%20after%20a,during%20rescue%20operations%20since%202016.>

NC Fire Captain Dies From Burn Injuries Sustained in House Fire

Lexington Fire Department Captain Ronnie Metcalf died Friday from severe burn injuries.

<https://www.fireengineering.com/health-safety/firefighter-fatalities/#gref>

Emergency Response

Deadliest incidents resulting in the deaths of 8 or more firefighters

Date	# of fatalities	Occupancy	Location
9/11/2001	340 *	World Trade Center	New York City, NY
8/20/1910	78**	Wildland fire (Devil's Broom)	Silverton, ID
10/3/1933	29	Wildland fire (Griffith Park)	Los Angeles, CA
4/16-17/1947	27	Ship explosion	Texas City, TX

- An estimated 65,650 firefighter injuries occurred in the line of duty in 2022, an increase of 8 percent from the 60,750 injuries reported in 2021.

Firefighters were more likely to be injured at fire ground operations than during any other duties. In 2022, an estimated 21,325 injuries, or 33 percent of all reported firefighter injuries, occurred on the fire ground