Incident Summary Page for the Hotshot Crew Line of Duty Death

Name of Hotshots LODD: Mike Rushworth	Incident Name: Sierra Madre Fire
	Incident Date & Time: 10/30/1961
Hotshot Crew: Dalton	Incident Location: Angeles National Forest, California

Personal Information

Mike Rushworth, age 18, was a first year member of the Dalton Hotshot crew. He was survived by his family in Vermont.

Brief description

While battling an arson fire, Rushworth was entrapped during Santa Ana wind conditions on the Sierra Madre Fire on the Angeles National Forest in California. He suffered burns over 60% of his body and died in the hospital about five weeks later from his injuries.

Links to more information on this incident:

https://wlfalwaysremember.net/1961/10/30/mike-rushworth/

https://www.ourherald.com/articles/fallen-firefighter-honored-45-years-after-his-death/

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Tos Angeles Times *

Funeral Held for Young Sierra Madre Fire Hero

ducted Saturday in Arcadia quiring a risk, He took that for an 18-year-old forest risk in stride, and this is ranger trainee within sight what makes a hero and of the scarred mountainside makes a man." where he was fatally burned battling a firebug-set blaze.

"We will remember young Mike Rushworth as a hero.' said the Rev. George Lindsay, pastor of Sierra Madre Madre-Arcadia foothills. He Congregational Church, at died services in the Glasser & Miller chapel, 500 S First

bands play for or who killed, uties said. He faces a pre-seem small in comparison."

Funeral services were con-but a man doing a job re-

Burned Oct. 30

over more than 50% of his body Oct. 30 battling a 1,000-they acre brush fire in the Sierra services. Methodist Hospital.

liminary hearing Dec. 18 on eight counts of arson.

Rushworth, who came here in August with his cousin, Greg Chapman, 19, from Vermont to join the U.S. Porest Service, was fighting his fifth fire when caught in a flare-up caused by a wind

Parents at Bedside

His parents, Mr. and Mrs Irving S. Rushworth, of Chelsea, Vt., were by his bedside when he died and Rushworth suffered burns attended Saturday's services.

Sim Jarvi, Angeles National Forest supervisor, also attended Saturday's

"We had 800 men fighting Friday in Arcadia that fire," he said. We managed to save more than 800 The fire was one of eight homes that were threatened, major blazes allegedly set by but we lost \$2 million worth Donald R. Dana, 32, of 3649 of watershed. Now this "He was not the kind that Del Mar Ave., Pasadena, dep-boy's death makes all that



Mike Rushworth