

Incident Summary Page for the Smokejumper Line of Duty Death

Name of Smokejumper LODD: Steven Grammer (RDD-70)	Incident Name: Fork Fire
	Incident Date & Time: September 23, 1970
Smokejumper Base: Redding	Incident Location: San Gabriel Canyon, Angeles National Forest, California
Personal Information	
Steven Grammer, age 19, was a first-year Redding Smokejumper. The son of the Calaveras County undersheriff in Northern California, he started his fire service in 1968 with the California Department of Forestry before working for the Stanislaus National Forest. A Forestry student he attended Delta College and American River College. He was survived by his family.	
Brief description	
Steven, a Redding Smokejumper, was detailed to the Redding Hotshot crew. He along with two other members of the crew and two others died in a helicopter crash. The five-place Alouette helicopter was attempting to land and establish a second helispot for a 4,000 acre fire, when it tumbled 800 feet into the canyon below. Also killed in the accident were Redding Hotshot crew members Ronald Scott and William Wales along with George Lopez, Helitack Foreman Angeles National Forest and the pilot Ed Henderson.	
Links to more information on this incident:	
https://wlfalwaysremember.net/1970/09/28/fork-fire-helicopter https://lessons.wildfire.gov/incident/fork-fire-helicopter-accident-fatalities-1970	



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Back Row: (standing) Bob Kersh, Bill Forst (pilot), Sid Nobles, Brian Shaffer, Martin Mastagni, Charles Andrews, Michael Evans, Steven Grammer, Gary Jacobs, David Brown, Gerald Zumalt, Steven Brothers, Larry Wright, Gary Johnson, Bob Boyer, Chuck Greer

Front Row: (kneeling) Dave Nani, Fernando Romo, Dick Tracy, Richard Wiest, Patrick O'Bannon, Russell Johnson, Peter Duckworth, David Graham, James Diederich, David Moody, Arthur, Catron, Harold Bayley, Ed Smith, Kris Kristofors