Twenty-two firefighters were killed during fireground operations in 2012.

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In 2010, there were 2.33 firefighter fatalities per 100,000 fire incidents in the United States.

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4,410 on-duty firefighter fatalities occurred in the United States between 1977-2012.

View Onduty U.S. Firefighter Fatalities (1977-2012) Chart

Nature of Fatal Injury

Heart Attack	47.2%
Trauma	28.2%
Asphyxiation	6.4%
Other	5.7%
Cerebrovascular Accident	4.9%

Firefighter Classifications

Volunteer	53.4%
Career	35%
Wildland Contract	4.2%
Paid-on-Call	2.3%
Wildland Full-Time	1.9%

Type of Duty

On-Scene Fire	28.8%
Other On-Duty	18%
After	16.5%
Responding	15.2%
Training	10.8%

Type of Incident

Not Incident-Related	32.1%
Structure Fire	27.4%
Wildland	12.7%
Motor Vehicle Accident	10.4%
Other	5.3%

Type of Activity

Other	37.5%
Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)	14.8%
In-Station Duties	7.2%
Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus	7.2%
Driving/Riding Personal Vehicle	7%

States with Most Fatalities

Pennsylvania	36
California	33
New York	33
North Carolina	31
Texas	26

Totals may not equal 100% because of rounding.