



In Honor of Our Fallen Forest Ranger, Friend, Brother Donald R. Lam, Jr.

The Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) is mourning the loss of Donald R. Lam, Jr. who died from injuries sustained while fighting a forest fire in western Kentucky last September. Don was the Caldwell County forest ranger technician and an experienced wildland firefighter who had assisted with fire suppression efforts on the local, state and national level for nearly 12 years. He had been in critical condition since the accident occurred on September 7, 2010 receiving injuries while working the Scotts Chapel Road Fire—a 12-acre wildfire in Liv-

ington County. Don was clearing a fire break for containment at the base of a bluff when a burning snag broke loose on top and rolled off striking him from behind. The impact left him unconscious and with serious injuries including second degree burns. The fire was initially spread from a burning brush pile during a county-wide burn ban, which was set fire by a construction company that was clearing the site for the owners. Currently, charges are pending for the individual responsible for starting the fire.



Don's professional attitude and commitment will be greatly missed by his co-workers and our entire forestry family across the Nation and his courage and dedication to protecting our public safety will set an example for us all.
We miss you Don!



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