

# Support – Serious Injuries & Fatalities

## Casualty Assistance Program (CAP)

The mission of the CAP is to provide compassionate, comprehensive, and informed support to the families of our employees that are critically ill or have been critically or fatally injured. The Forest Service takes a coordinated approach to assist and support employees, their families, and the larger interagency community.



There are several elements of this program: *Hospital Liaison, Family Liaison, Funerals and Memorials, Survivor Benefits, and Honor Guard and Honor Watch.*

## Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

CISM services are crisis intervention techniques led by peers; it is not mental health therapy. National Interagency Crisis Intervention Peer Support (CIPS) CIPS groups may be ordered through normal dispatch channels for incidents involving any national resource management agency.

The CISM mission is to assist agency personnel who are experiencing the effects of critical incident stress and provide training and education about traumatic stress and how to deal with it.

## Resources



QR code links to the USFS National Casualty Assistance Program  
[Casualty Assistance Program | US Forest Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

[Critical Incident Stress Management Peer Support | US Forest Service \(usda.gov\)](#)