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Pilot Killed in Fatal Airtanker Crashed Identified

Sacramento - CAL FIRE officials today released the identity of the pilot killed in yesterday's airtanker crash in Yosemite National Park. Geoffrey "Craig" Hunt, age 62, of San Jose was a 13 year veteran pilot of DynCorp International under contract with CAL FIRE.

"We continue to mourn the tragic loss of Craig," said Chief Ken Pimlott, CAL FIRE director. "We know wildland firefighting is an inherently dangerous job, but Craig made the ultimate sacrifice."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Craig's family during this difficult time," said Jeff Cavarra, program director for DynCorp International.

Today the National Transportation Safety Board has assumed command of the investigation and CAL FIRE continues to support them.

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