Safeguard Firefighter Health Fatality File

1 man dies, 3 firefighters are injured after fireworks explode during a brush fire.

One person died and three firefighters were wounded after a brush fire approached a structure containing commercial-grade fireworks in North Carolina.

Firefighters arrived and attempted to extinguish the large fire when an explosion occurred Friday, Lenoir County Emergency Services said in a press release.

A civilian who was fighting the blaze before firefighters arrived was fatally injured and pronounced dead at the scene, the release said.

The dead man was identified as a Randy Herring, the owner of the property in La Grange where the fire took place, Lenoir County Emergency Services said on Facebook.

Three La Grange Volunteer Fire Department Firefighters were injured in the explosion and taken to hospitals for treatment, the release said. Two of the firefighters were released, and the third was taken to a burn center.

Fire departments worked through the evening to contain the fire and “fully extinguish hot spots,” Lenoir County Emergency Services said Saturday.