



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
FOREST POLICY

Forest Fire Service

AERIAL ACCIDENTS REPORT SPAIN-2011

UPDATED ABRIL 2013



AERIAL ACCIDENTS REPORT IN WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING IN SPAIN

The following charter shows the aerial accidents occurred in Spain in wildland firefighting during 2011.

Some accidents are related to fatalities and some are not.

It is remarkable that this year all the fatalities among all the firefighting personnel, except one, are related to aerial accidents.

The total number of deceased firefighting personnel in 2011 is twelve. The total number of deceased firefighting personnel in aerial accidents in 2011 is eleven, five of which were aircraft personnel.

In total, there have been nine accidents, five airplanes and five helicopters were affected (in one accident two helicopters were involved). All the helicopter accidents are related to fatalities, except one. On the other hand, just one of the airplanes accidents is related to a fatality.

In total, eleven firefighting personnel died and eighteen were injured. The worst accident in terms of victims, took place in March when a helicopter crashed on its way to a fire and all the passengers, except one, were killed.

There has been only one accident involving two aircrafts, both helicopters. In this accident the pilot of one helicopter died.

All the accidents, except one, took place during the high risk fire season that goes from the first of June to the middle of October.

In terms of number of fires and surface affected, 2011 is below the ten year average. The beginning and the end of the high risk fire season was busy but the rest of this period was quite quiet with no remarkable episodes of large fires or simultaneity.

All accidents are investigated by the Spanish Civil Aviation Authority, by its Civil Aviation Accidents and Incidents Investigation Commission (CIAIAC in Spanish). The link to the provisional data, interim statement or final report is provided when available. All documentation is in Spanish but some is also in English. This link should be checked regularly for updates.





MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,
FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
FOREST POLICY

Forest Fire Service

DATE	LOCATION	AIRCRAFT TYPE	AIRCRAFT MODEL	COMPANY	ACCIDENT	INJURED	DECEASED	INVESTIGATION REPORT CIAIAC
03/19/2011	Villastar (Teruel)	Helicopter	Bell 407	INAER S.A	Helicopter crash on its way to wildland fire	1	6	Interim statement (EN) http://www.fomento.gob.es/NR/rdonlyres/19BA01E1-70A0-4FAA-816A-1AD8F7E64BE4/112544/2011_008_A_PROVISIONAL1_ENG.pdf
06/18/2011	Tabuyo del Monte (León)	Helicopter	PZL-Swidnik W3A Sokol	Hispanica de aviación S.A (HASA)	Helicopter crash in take off operation	11	0	Interim statement (EN) http://www.fomento.gob.es/NR/rdonlyres/D4D39290-A64D-4CA7-A6F5-7143FC08E2F6/112451/019_2011_ENG.pdf
06/29/2011	L' Ampolla (Tarragona)	Airtanker	Air Tractor AT-802A	AVIALSA T-35 SL	Aircraft run aground with sandbank while loading water operation	1	0	Final report (SP) http://www.fomento.gob.es/NR/rdonlyres/6E8AC158-006B-4F3A-8CD9-5185690C883B/113801/2011_020_A.pdf
07/11/2011	Sant Carles de la Rápita (Tarragona)	Airtanker	Air Tractor AT-802A	Servicios Aéreos Europeos y Tratamientos Agrícolas S.L (SAETA)	Aircraft overturn while loading water operation	1	0	Final report (EN) http://www.fomento.gob.es/NR/rdonlyres/A68FBB85-D18D-4588-9721-1AEF2DB36E5B/113958/2011_023_A_ENG.pdf
09/02/2011	Arenas del Rey (Granada)	Airtanker	Air Tractor AT-802	Martínez Ridao S.L	Power line collision in wildland fire suppression operation	1	0	Final report (SP) http://www.fomento.gob.es/NR/rdonlyres/73D1C27B-83BC-4733-AAE2-5747B82BD6B0/109957/2011_031_A.pdf
09/19/2011	La Peza (Granada)	Helicopter	Agusta Bell AB-412HP	Fumigación Aérea Andaluza S.A (FAASA)	Helicopter crash on its way from the company headquarters to a wildland fire base	0	3	Interim statement (EN) http://www.fomento.gob.es/NR/rdonlyres/F005E271-D368-4E9C-9893-FAE8E4BB2D70/113254/2011_034_A_DECLARACION_ENG.pdf
09/21/2011	Beariz (Orense)	Coordination Aircraft	Cessna 337G Super Skymaster	Martínez Ridao S.L	Runway overrun at landing	2	0	In progress. Provisional data http://www.fomento.gob.es/MFOM/LANG_CASTELLANO/ORGANOS_COLEGIADOS/CIAIAC/INVESTIGACION/2011/044_2011.htm
09/30/2011	Bienservida (Albacete)	Helicopter	Bell 212 / Bell 212*	INAER	Helicopter collision with other helicopter while loading water	1	1	Interim statement (EN) http://www.fomento.gob.es/NR/rdonlyres/49DCB13B-E04A-43F9-97D6-0A9EDC4A3BB1/113705/2011_037_A_ENG.pdf
10/02/2011	Monterrei (Orense)	Airtanker	PZL M-188 Dromader	Martínez Ridao S.L	Aircraft crash in wildland fire suppression operation	0	1	Interim statement (SP) http://www.fomento.gob.es/NR/rdonlyres/CE5B7482-3D59-447F-850D-EE775758BD6A/113281/2011_039_A_DECLARACION.pdf
* Both helicopters involved were the same model and belonged to the same company. The injured is the pilot of the other helicopter.								
TOTAL						9	18	11