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CAL FIRE issues statement on NTSB Preliminary Information

Sacramento – CAL FIRE Director Ken Pimlott issued the following statement regarding the National Transportation Safety Board's [preliminary information](#) on the crash of CAL FIRE Tanker 81.

"Aerial firefighting is not simply flying from one airport to another. The wildland firefighting environment is a challenging one, both on the ground and in the air," said Chief Ken Pimlott, director of CAL FIRE. "We look forward to the final NTSB report to see if we can use the findings to help mitigate the inherent dangers of the job. We owe that to Craig, who traded his life in an effort to protect the lives of others."

Airtanker Pilot Craig Hunt was tragically killed when his airtanker crashed in Yosemite National Park on October 7, 2014. http://www.fire.ca.gov/about/fire_protection_memorial_hunt.php

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