



Santi Arovitx
Columbia Helicopters

(under contract to the United States Forest Service)

Year of Death: 2001

The three firefighters were aboard a large helicopter performing mechanical testing prior to replacement (of the helicopter) for fire fighting duties. The helicopter was a Vertol 107-II, capable of hauling 1,100 gallons of water. The bucket was attached to the bottom of the aircraft. For reasons unknown, the helicopter crashed and burned, killing all three on board.

