Incident Within an Incident Scenario

Intent: to recognize IWIs and mobilize assistance while providing for safety of ground personnel on the scene.

Situation: June 8, 0100. Two engines have responded to a lightning start on the Silver City Ranger District, Gila National Forest. The fire is burning in heavy down timber on a ridge, a 1.5 mile hike in from the nearest forest road. The engine crews worked until 2400 scratching a line around the fire, which is about 5 acres in size. At 2400 the IC reported they were bedding down for the night near the heel of the fire.

An hour later, the IC calls the night dispatcher to report that some logs have rolled out and ignited fire on the steep slopes below. There is no safety zone. They have made the decision to retreat to the engines parked down the hill. But they can't find one of the engine crew people; his sleeping bag has been found but no one has seen him since midnight.