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**Incident Name:**

**Date:** 2/2/1995

**Personnel:** Ernestine Garcia

**Age:** 56

**Agency/Organization:** Willard Fire Department, Willard , New Mexico

**Position:** firefighter

**Summary:** On February 2, Firefighter Ernestine Garcia of the Willard Fire Department died when she was thrown from a fire engine in a rollover accident while responding to a brush fire. The vehicle apparently hit a soft shoulder on the side of the road, crossed the road and rolled over. The driver, a 17 year old junior firefighter, was hospitalized for multiple injuries. He was permitted to drive to fires but prohibited from operating on the fireground until he turns 18. The weather was clear and there was no oncoming traffic at the time of the crash.



**Maps**

Willard Fire Department, 702 North Dunlavy Avenue, Willard, New Mexico

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- USFA Memorial Database: [Ernestine Garcia](#)
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