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Fire Helmet Saves Firefighter's Life

Doug Mendlik, a firefighter with the Glenside Fire Protection District, was injured while on the job when an eight-pound axe fell from five stories from a fire truck. Mendlik was wearing a Bullard UST Fire Helmet that he believes saved his life. In a letter written to Bullard, Mendlik says, "My life was saved on 4/13/2011 as I was working as a firefighter and an eight-pound axe had fallen five stories from our truck and hit me in the head. If I had not been wearing my helmet, I would not be able to write this letter. It has been a long road to recovery and still have some neurological and physical deficits. However, if not for your fire helmet I never would have met my beautiful daughter Miranda."

Glenside Fire Protection District Fire Chief Russ Wood, echoed Mendlik's sentiments adding, "The Bullard helmet worn by Doug was in service less than 6 months and we truly believe that he is alive today because of that product."

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