

Robson Forensic expert testifies in firefighter death case.

Jury awards \$27 million.

A Missouri jury awarded \$27 million to the family of a firefighter whose death was the result of a malfunctioning breathing apparatus.

A firefighter entered a burning building to search for a fellow firefighter. Once inside, his breathing apparatus failed, due to a defective valve. The firefighter cried for help for an estimated eight minutes before succumbing to the smoke.

Our product liability expert investigated the circumstances of the incident and examined the breathing apparatus. Upon identifying the breathing apparatus as defective, our expert redesigned the device to illustrate how proper product design could have prevented failures and allowed for a valve jam to be quickly and easily cleared. This redesign would have prevented the firefighter's death.

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