

# Region V Quarterly Fatality Report

From: 07/01/2008 Thru: 09/30/2008

Number of Fatalities: 30

<i>Fatality</i>	<i>Accident Summary</i>	<i>Area Office</i>
6 /30/2008	<i>Employee drown in a pond. Employee was trimming grass near a retention pond and when co-workers noticed he was missing, they discovered him in the pond.</i>	<i>Aurora</i>
7 /1 /2008	<i>Employee was fatally injured when the rough terrain forktruck he was operating overturned and crushed him. The forktruck was backing up over uneven grade.</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>
7 /11/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell off a 6 foot A-frame step ladder. The employee was in the process of installing a machine while working on the ladder.</i>	<i>Peoria</i>
7 /17/2008	<i>Employee was fatally injured when an oxygen-fuel (propane) torch he was cutting with exploded. The employee was cutting stainless steel at the time of the accident.</i>	<i>Columbus</i>
7 /19/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when a forktruck he was operating overturned and crushed him against the cab of a front end loader. The employee had dismounted the forktruck and had partially entered the front end loader when the fork truck overturned. The employee was using the forktruck to raise the operator's seat in the front end loader to work on an electrical switch under the seat.</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>
7 /23/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he was struck by the boom of a crane that collapsed. While lifting a bar joist, boom cable broke causing the boom to fall and strike the employee who was positioned in an aerial lift.</i>	<i>Peoria</i>
7 /29/2008	<i>Three employees were fatally injured when a stock tank holding a paper/pulp slurry they were working on exploded. Pending further details.</i>	<i>Appleton</i>
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7/30/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when the dump truck he was operating contacted a 7500v overhead powerline. The employee was dumping gravel with the dump raised when the truck contacted the powerline.</i>	<i>Columbus</i>
7/30/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he was crushed between a motorized pallet truck and a pallet of sugar. Pending further details</i>	<i>Chicago North</i>
7/31/2008	<i>An employee was electrocuted after contacting a residential service line while engaged in roofing activities. The employee contacted the service line while working from a ladder.</i>	<i>Peoria</i>
8/1/2008	<i>An employee fatally injured while using a high pressure washer to clean a work platform. Employee was steam cleaning a tank where the atmosphere was approximately 135 degrees Fahrenheit. Compliance Officer is waiting for autopsy results/report to determine if the cause of death is natural or work related.</i>	<i>Aurora</i>
8/11/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell approximately 100 feet from the cat walk of a water tower. Employee was engaged in sandblasting activities at the time of the accident.</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>
8/15/2008	<i>Employee was fatally injured when he struck his head while cleaning underneath a Super Sac Tower. After striking his head he was given a medical examination and released the same day. Following day employee was found dead.</i>	<i>Aurora</i>
8/17/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell approximately 20 feet from the rail of a Condor Aerial lift. The employee was not wearing a lanyard and climbed on the midrail of the lift for added height.</i>	<i>Appleton</i>
8/18/2008	<i>Employee was fatally injured when he fell 21 feet from a scaffold. Employee lost his grip while climbing up the "walk through" scaffolding which was erected around a dust collector at a steel plant.</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>
8/23/2008	<i>Employee was fatally injured when he fell 19 feet from a ladder. Employee was cleaning brick on an exterior wall when the aluminum handle of his scraping tool came into contact with a 12Kv power line.</i>	<i>Chicago North</i>
8/24/2008	<i>Employee was fatally injured when the multi-piece tire he was changing exploded. Pending further details.</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>
8/26/2008	<i>Employee was fatally injured when he fell through a roof to the floor 25 feet below. Employee had been stripping material from roof at the time of the accident.</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>

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8 /26/2008	<i>Employee was fatally injured when he was struck by a piece of falling equipment. The employee was performing maintenance on a strapping system which had been turned off but not locked out. The head/frame unit was in a raised position and after the motor was removed, the brakes disengaged causing the frame to fall.</i>	<i>Toledo</i>
8 /29/2008	<i>Employee was fatally injured when he was crushed by a semi-truck. Employee was fixing the brake line of the semi and had asked another employee to start the semi to check if any air was coming through. The semi-truck moved and ran over victim's chest.</i>	<i>Cal City</i>
9 /11/2008 <i>Chicago North</i>	<i>Employee was fatally injured when he fell 6 feet from a ladder jack scaffolding. Employee lost his balance, fell and then struck his head against the asphalt below.</i>	
9 /14/2008	<i>Employee was fatally injured when he fell 18 feet through a roof. Employee was tarring a roof when he fell through a skylight. Company requires employees (trailer mechanics) to seal portions of the establishment's roof twice a year.</i>	<i>Cal City</i>
9 /15/2008	<i>An employee was killed while working on a transfer switch for a generator. The generator and/or transfer switch was not locked out at the time of the trouble shooting procedures. The equipment was energized causing the fatal injuries to the victim and burns to a second employee.</i>	<i>Columbus</i>
9 /16/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when trying to install a cold bonding wire at the base of a 480v panel. Deceased was an apprentice and had received verbal instructions on how to complete task from another qualified employee. Deceased was supposed to complete task and return to qualified employee. Qualified employee waited 5-10 minutes and when deceased did not return, he went to check on deceased and found him unresponsive with his head in the bottom of panel box. Victim had been employed for approximately 3-4 months with contractor.</i>	<i>Peoria</i>
9 /16/2008	<i>Employee was fatally injured when a gas powered saw struck him. Employee was cutting a concrete culvert with saw when the saw kicked back and struck him in the neck.</i>	<i>Peoria</i>
9 /19/2008	<i>Employee 1 was fatally injured while installing a metal retaining wall adjacent to an overhead powerline. Employee 2 was using a backhoe to lift the metal retaining wall. The backhoe accidentally struck the powerline, causing it and the surrounding area to be energized. Employee 1, who was on the ground or on a ladder near operation, was electrocuted.</i>	<i>Aurora</i>

***Fatality***

***Accident Summary***

***Area Office***

***9 /19/2008***

***An employee was fatally injured after falling 23 feet through a skylight opening and hitting his head on a concrete floor. Employee had been waterproofing a roof and during clean up he stepped through the skylight.***

***Chicago North***

***9 /19/2008***

***Victim was crushed to death when a truck mounted crane (completely handmade from a machine called a Reachmaster and a 1994 Ford flatbed truck. He then installed counterweights and a winch on it to use it as a crane) snapped off and pinned him between his seat and the outrigger of the Reachmaster.***

***Aurora***