

Region V Quarterly Fatality Report

From: 10/01/2008 Thru: 12/31/2008

Number of Fatalities: 38

<i>Fatality</i>	<i>Accident Summary</i>	<i>Area Office</i>
10/2/2008	<i>An independent contractor was fatally injured when he fell 25 feet from a ladder while installing a new cable line. Victim positioned ladder against an existing cable that snapped causing victim to lose balance and fall off ladder.</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>
10/6/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he was struck by a falling section of an overhead tree branch. Employee 1 was inside a bucket truck when a tree branch became stuck approximately 60 feet in the air. Employee 2 (victim) was on the ground directly below the stuck branch. Both employee 1 and employee 2 attempted to free the stuck branch by pulling/tugging on guide line. This action caused a 6 foot section to break off and fall downward striking and killing employee 2.</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>
10/7/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell 40 feet into the chimney stack of a Wet Gas Scrubber.</i>	<i>Cal City</i>
10/7/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he was struck by a steel column that fell while being raised by a truck crane.</i>	<i>Columbus</i>
10/9/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when the aerial lift bucket he was in came into contact with a 72kv line. The electrical current caused the hydraulic line of the lift to burst, starting a fire. The bucket then separated from the mast and fell to the ground along with the employee.</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>
10/10/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when the utility truck he was driving crashed into a parked loaded chassis trailer.</i>	<i>Aurora</i>
10/11/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell through a skylight while performing roofing work. Employee fell approximately 13 feet and suffered severe head trauma.</i>	<i>Toledo</i>
10/23/2008	<i>A worker was fatally injured when he fell 36 feet while laying insulation in a barn. Victim was walking on a 2x4 wooden purline when it broke causing him to fall to the concrete floor below.</i>	<i>Columbus</i>
10/23/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when the ATV he was driving came into contact with a closing overhead door. The overhead door did not have an auto-reverse or sensing device installed.</i>	<i>Aurora</i>

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10/29/2008	<i>An employee was fatally burned (along with another employee from a separate company) while attempting to plug an oil and gas well. Both employees were attempting to clear the well of any remaining oil when natural gas ignited due to a possible backfire of a diesel engine which was used to pump water into well.</i>	Peoria
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10/31/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell into an air heater that was under construction. Employee was on top of the heater trying to turn the unit by pushing with his feet when he fell into the rotating module and became caught.</i>	Peoria
11/4/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell of an 8 foot step ladder. Employee was preparing walls for painting when he fell.</i>	Milwaukee
11/5/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell 70 feet through a roof at a steel works plant. Victim was wearing a harness but was not tied off at the time of the accident.</i>	Peoria
11/5/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when his test vehicle was involved in a rear end collision with another vehicle at an automobile proving ground. The deceased, who was hit from behind by another driver who was traveling approximately 90 miles and hour, suffered internal injuries and died two months later. Airbag in the deceased's vehicle did not deploy as it was not designed to do so during a rear-end collision.</i>	Toledo
11/7/2008	<i>An employee was electrocuted when a piece of metal sheeting he was handling came into contact with an electrical line.</i>	Peoria
11/8/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured while conducting preventative maintenance on a "Spin Line" (a machine used to remove excess zinc from metal parts). Pending further details.</i>	Chicago North
11/10/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he was struck by a hoist from an overhead crane. Employee unloaded a bundle of steel with the crane and when he raised the hoist to its limit, the hoist cable broke causing the hoist and spreader bar to fall 25 feet. The hoist bounced after striking the floor and struck employee in the head.</i>	Cal City
11/17/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured after he was crushed by the box of his dump trailer. The vehicle jack-knifed during unloading with the box raising and rolling over onto the trailer's cab.</i>	Cal City

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11/19/2008	<i>An employee was electrocuted when a 20 foot aluminum ladder he was carrying came into contact with a 7.2 kv power line. Employee was using the ladder to install windows on the second level of a new residential duplex.</i>	Peoria
11/21/2008	<i>An employee was asphyxiated after receiving a blunt force blow to his chest area while repairing an inclined aggregate conveyor.</i>	Milwaukee
11/24/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell 15 feet during a collapse of a truss system. Employee was working with seven others to install a new roof on an existing building and was located on the exterior top-plate of the south side of the structure. After the team had set 73 trusses, the system collapsed. Four of the seven employees were outside of the building at the time of the collapse and not injured. One employee received non-fatal injuries and one employee was unharmed during the collapse.</i>	Peoria
11/26/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when she fell backwards while entering an employer provided bus. Employee was standing on the bottom step when she fell. The bus had slip resistant treads on the steps and handrails at the entrance.</i>	Madison
11/26/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he was struck by falling forks from a forklift truck. Victim was lying below the forks trying to loosen a jammed chain at the time of the accident.</i>	Milwaukee
12/5/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured due to asphyxia from carbon monoxide intoxication while performing maintenance on boiler equipment in a condo complex. During troubleshooting after the accident exhaust dampers on two comfort boilers were found to be partially closed.</i>	Chicago North
12/5/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell and hit his head while walking in a receiving yard.</i>	Cal City
12/5/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he became caught in a stone slinger's conveyor system. Employee left slinger's operator control station with the feed conveyor still running and was positioned below the moving conveyor belt. It appears employee's loose clothing and/or left arm became caught in the feed conveyor which then pulled his body into the conveyor structure.</i>	Toledo
12/6/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell and struck his head while climbing a fixed ladder on the end of a bulk feed trailer. After the fall the employee continued to work until he began vomiting. Employee was taken to hospital where he died four days later.</i>	Columbus

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12/9/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he was struck in the head by a tire rim. Employee was inflating a tire on a tractor trailer when the rim blew out of the tire.</i>	<i>Appleton</i>
12/10/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he became caught between a roll off container trash truck and a wooden gate.</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>
12/11/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell 4 feet off the back of a trailer and struck his head. At the time of the accident, employee was unloading boxes from the open trailer and passing them down to a worker at the delivery site.</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>
12/12/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when his head was struck by a cassette of steel rods while observing repairs he made to the conveyor system of a material handling machine. At the time of the accident the employee was bent over, had his head positioned near the area where the repairs were made and was showing a co-worker what he had done. At that moment a crane from the next aisle processed a cassette of steel rods onto the conveyor system and struck the employee in the head.</i>	<i>Chicago North</i>
12/13/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell backwards and struck his head on a refrigerator while attempting to tie his shoe. Employee worked the remainder of his shift and went home. Later that evening he experienced a severe headache and was taken to the hospital where he died the following afternoon.</i>	<i>Madison</i>
12/15/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when the scarf she was wearing became caught in the main drive shaft of an envelope machine.</i>	<i>Cal City</i>
12/16/2008	<i>An employee drowned when the skid steer he was operating broke through the ice on a settling pond. Employee was engaged in snow plowing activities at the time of the accident. Event occurred at 11:30pm and it appears that employee was unaware that settling ponds were in the area that he was plowing.</i>	<i>Peoria</i>
12/17/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when the flammable liquid he was applying caught fire, exploded and burned approximately 75% of his body. Employee was applying liquid to a part from an open 5 gallon bucket when a flash fire occurred. Employee expired approximately 6 weeks after the incident.</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>
12/19/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he became caught in the rotating shaft of a greenhouse heat blanket system.</i>	<i>Aurora</i>

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12/29/2008	<i>An employee was fatally injured after he fell from a scissor lift while making repairs to an overhead garage door. The door was activated by an unknown individual and then struck the top rail of the scissor lift tipping it over and causing the employee to fall.</i>	Cal City