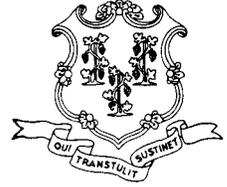




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CRANE ACCIDENT UPDATE

Today, 2/17/04, the Connecticut State Police received calls reporting that a crane had fallen at a construction site on Rt. 15, in Stratford.

State Police personnel, Stratford Fire Department and Stratford Police Department responded to the scene to effect an operation to account for all workers at the construction site. Diver and boats from all surrounding public safety agencies searched the area. There has been one confirmed fatality. The identity of this person is Charles Jordan, DOB-8-15-43, of 5205 Joginell Circle, Satsuma, Alabama.

The State Fire Marshal's Office State Crane Inspectors along with OSHA investigators will continue this investigation and attempt to answer all questions surrounding the cause of this accident.

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