

A **43 year old male** was fatally injured when he was **thrown out** of a scissors lift while painting a bridge. A motorist drove a bucket truck into the work area striking a police car then driving into the scissor lift and aerial lift. The scissor lift was spun around and tipped over onto the bucket truck. Employees in both lifts were ejected out and over the guardrails. The victim struck his head on an object causing fatal injuries.

The employees had just begun phase 2 of the bridge painting project. The traffic control plan on the day of the accident had the 2 South bound lanes and turning lane blocked at the site. Two of the employees were working on top of the bridge, two employees were working from an aerial lift and two employees were working from a scissor lift. The employees were prepping and painting the bridge from the lifts. The victim was working from the scissor lift when the accident happened. Employees were using harnesses and lanyards attached to anchor points in both the aerial lift and scissor lift. Employees were wearing hardhats, safety glasses, and hi-vis clothing.

All traffic control devices were in place, per the traffic control plan, on the roadway that maneuvered North bound and South bound traffic away from the work area. There was also a Clarksville Police Department squad car that was placed by the traffic control officer in the intersection between the South bound traffic and the two lifts that were in the work area. The squad car was parked in a way that blocked both the South bound number 1 lane and the South bound turn lane. A motorist in a bucket truck was traveling South on Riverside Drive and for an unknown reason drove into the work area. The motorist did not follow the work zone travel pattern and crashed into a patrol car, continuing forward striking the two lifts in which employees were working.

**Citation(s) as Originally Issued**

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

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**No citations were recommended from TOSHA related to the accident.**



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