

At Conley Terminal in South Boston, worker dies after fall near crane

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The sun rises behind cranes at the Conley Container Terminal in South Boston. (AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)

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A man in his 50s died after he fell while working on a crane at a terminal in Boston on Friday, according to authorities.

The 58-year-old Methuen man was working on the gantry crane at Paul W. Conley Container Terminal in South Boston around 9:45 a.m. when he collapsed on or fell from a platform roughly 150 feet above the ground, Massachusetts State Police said in a statement.

The man's jacket got caught on the edge of the platform. While he was hanging there from the jacket, two of his coworkers who were also servicing the crane pulled him back onto the platform. They then tried "lifesaving measures" on him until first responders arrived, according to state police.

"Boston Firefighters quickly arrived on scene, ascended to the platform and took over performance of life-saving attempts," state police said.

First responders took the man to Tufts Medical Center in Boston, where he was pronounced dead. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is expected to determine the cause and manner of his death, according to authorities.

Authorities have yet to release the name of the man to the public. Law enforcement noted he was an employee at Capco Crane & Hoist, a Rowley-based company hired to perform maintenance on one of the cranes at Conley Terminal.

The terminal, which is owned by the Massachusetts Port Authority, recently underwent hundreds of millions of dollars worth of infrastructure improvements to accommodate larger ships and new electric cranes. The upgrades took multiple years to complete, according to Massport.

State police and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), a federal agency that investigates workplace conditions, have begun separate investigations following the man's death. State police are investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding the man's death, while OSHA is investigating "safety protocols related to the incident," state police said.