

Fernandina Beach port employee killed in Friday accident

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This Times-Union file photo shows a view of the Port of Fernandina. An employee was killed in an industrial accident involving a crane at the port on Friday.

A 58-year-old employee was killed in an industrial accident involving a crane at the Port of Fernandina on Friday morning, according to Fire Chief Harvey Silcox. The maintenance man was working on the crane at the Kinder Morgan Nassau Terminal on North 3rd Street when the accident occurred, Silcox said.

"It appears maybe a cable broke and caused the operations cab to fall," he said. The man fell about 100 feet and was dead when rescue workers got to him at about 9:30 a.m., Silcox said.

Port officials identified the man as employee Timothy Dubberly, 58, and said he was doing electrical work on the crane in a statement about the accident.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family," the statement read. "The company is providing grief counselors for employees at the terminal and also seeing to the needs of Mr. Dubberly's family.

The port is operated by Nassau Terminals, LLC, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, under a long-term contract with the Ocean Highway and Port Authority. Port officials said the company has initiated an investigation, while the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration staff will be investigating as well, according to our news partner, First Coast News.

