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1. Firefighter Near Miss Report of the Week

Light Tower on Rescue Malfunctions

Summary

A rescue unit was returning to the station after utilizing their light tower at an accident scene. While driving back to the station, they noticed something was wrong and found the light tower had been torn off the apparatus.

Event Description

The light tower on a rescue unit was used to provide lighting at the scene of a motor vehicle collision. Upon completion of their duties, the crew retracted the tower. The engineer, his officer and a police officer visually checked to ensure it was down. The engineer also confirmed the lights on the dash showed the tower was properly stowed.

The crew began heading back to the station and had driven a couple miles when the driver noticed a cloud of dust behind him. He immediately pulled off the road and found that the light tower was gone and the cord that powered the lights was dragging on the ground.

A police investigation was begun. Investigation showed all control-panel switches were off and the light towers were down when leaving the scene because the unit made it under a highway sign support after leaving the scene.

About a mile down the road, somehow the light tower malfunctioned and went up and it struck another highway sign support that spanned all highway lanes. The debris was found to the side of the road between the highway and an exit ramp.

The light-tower head trailed in a straight line behind the unit, skidding and floating until they left the highway. No one on the unit heard or felt the collision; they were traveling at about 60 MPH. Fortunately, no additional injuries or property damage resulted from the malfunction.
View the Report: Light Tower Air System Mechanical Malfunction

Take-Aways

Sometimes things go wrong despite our best intentions. In this report, the tower was checked by multiple people and they verified it was stowed, but a malfunction still occurred. Some near misses are due purely to mechanical malfunction and human error is not involved.

Discussion

Discuss what can be done to minimize mechanical malfunctions. Can they all be prevented?
Have any equipment malfunctions occurred at your department?
How would your department deal with a similar situation?
Beside your supervisors, who else should be made aware of these types of problems?

Leading Practices

Daily and weekly apparatus checks can often identify problems at the station rather than in the heat of battle. The reporter doesn’t state whether this practice was followed, but it does appear the engineer was very thorough in ensuring the apparatus was ready to drive.

When the near-miss team receives information on a malfunction related to a specific manufacturer, we try to contact a company representative to make them aware of the situation. Sometimes they can be helpful in identifying the cause and preventing a similar recurrence. This can be done through safety bulletins, recalls or making design changes to the equipment. Many times, they are unaware that there was ever a problem.

Related Near Miss Reports

Ground Monitor Dislodges During Training
Pressure Gauge Comes Off Apparatus During Check
Loose Circular Saw Blade Hits the Wall
Hydraulic Extrication Tool Failure - Equipment Report with Pictures and Documents

Additional Resources

SeaCoastOnline.com Article: Fire Equipment Failures at Deadly Blaze
FireRescue1.com Article: SCBA failure may have caused Okla. firefighter's injuries
Firehouse.com Article: Phoenix, Charlotte FDs Retrofit SCBAs After Malfunctions

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2. NFFF Nominations Now Open for Arthur J. Glatfelter Distinguished Service Award

As the founder of the Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Services (VFIS) and co-founder of the Congressional Fire Services Institute, Arthur J. Glatfelter made a difference in the lives of countless firefighters across the nation. Through his generous support of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and his dedicated service on the Board of Directors he also demonstrated his compassion for the families of those who died in the line of duty.

In appreciation for Art's extraordinary achievements, the NFFF has created the Arthur J. Glatfelter Distinguished Service Award to recognize exceptional service to the NFFF by men and women who continue to support his legacy.

The annual nomination period will run from January 1 to February 1. All paperwork, the narrative and the nomination form must be submitted to the NFFF at glatfelteraward@firehero.org. The award will be considered annually, but may not be awarded each year. For more information visit:
https://www.firehero.org/2017/12/26/glatfelter-award-2018/

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3. Employment Opportunity – Firefighter/Paramedic - Town of Guilford

In connection with their SAFER Grant Award, the Guilford Fire Department is seeking individuals who are currently enrolled in a State of Connecticut Paramedic training & certification program or hold a State of Connecticut Paramedic license with medical control authorization. Previous fire service experience, including Firefighter certifications are preferred, but not required. CPAT is NOT required to take the written or oral exam. However, candidate must have valid CPAT prior to being eligible to receive a Conditional Job Offer. Job description and applications are available from the Human Resources Office, Town Hall, 31 Park Street, Guilford, CT 06437 or from the Town Website at:
http://www.ci.guilford.ct.us/resources/human-resources/employment-opportunities/.
Completed application packages must be returned to the Guilford Human Resources Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018. The written exam is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2018. (See Attached Flyer)

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4. CT Fire Academy Recruit Firefighter Program

Chiefs, Training Officers and potential Recruits,

This is an invitation to have your prospective recruits attend one of the upcoming Orientations to the Recruit Firefighter Program.

Two additional orientation classes are being offered at the Fairfield Regional Fire School on January 4, 2018 from 2-4 p.m. and another from 6-8 p.m.

If you are interested in the Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Program or potentially a candidate, testing for Firefighter positions in the state, this will help you prepare.

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5. FY2017 Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grants Open Application Period Announcement

The FY 2017 AFG application period is now open and will close on Friday, **February 2, 2018 at 5 PM ET**. Begin preparing your application now by utilizing the application assistance tools available below.

FY 2017 Application Assistance Tools:

- FY 2017 AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (**Revised on 12/22**)
- FY 2017 AFG Narrative Get Ready Guides
- FY 2017 AFG Self-Evaluation - Operations and Safety
- FY 2017 AFG Self-Evaluation - Vehicle Acquisition
- FY 2017 AFG Application Checklist
- FY 2017 AFG Cost Share Calculator

Application Access Portal

FY 2017 AFG Application Workshop Schedule

(Due to the recent natural disasters, workshop availability may be limited at this time)

AFG Award Announcements

For AFG Application Guidance Materials, please visit our Documents page.

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6. New Britain EMS Upcoming Training Programs

New Britain Emergency Medical Services is offering a number of EMS related training programs. Program details and registration information is available at the links below.

Link for EMT Refresher: http://nbems.enrollware.com/schedule#ct9051

Link for Medic Refresher: https://nbems.enrollware.com/enroll?id=1974509

Link for EMT Day: https://nbems.enrollware.com/enroll?id=1743177

Link for EMT Night: https://nbems.enrollware.com/enroll?id=1925602

To subscribe to our upcoming course newsletter use the following link:
http://madmimi.com/signups/b94f862d19734599bb134213e0434523/join

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7. NLFF Burn Foundation 25 To Survive Seminar

25 to Survive: Reducing Residential Injury and LODD

www.25tosurvive.eventbrite.com

More firefighters are seriously injured and killed while operating at residential building fires than at any other building type we encounter. This presentation addresses 25 critical firefighting issues common to the residential dwelling, many repeatedly noted in "near miss reports" and National Institute Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Line of Duty Death (LODD) reports. These grim realizations require all personnel need to know sound strategies and tactics and how to execute them in order to fight these fires successfully. The program is broken into 4 key segments: Combat Ready, Developing the Mastery, Engine Company Operations and Truck Company Operations.

Captain Doug Mitchell, FDNY

DC Dan Shaw, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue

All Proceeds benefit the New London Firefighters Burn Foundation

Registration begins at 8 am, on February 10, 2018 - Conference starts at 0830, Breakfast and lunch included.
Any question please contact Michael Leonard - mlen59@icloud.com or 860-625-0808
Location 1225 Ocean Ave, New London, CT-Ocean Beach Park

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8. Eastern Connecticut Fire School 2018 Spring Class Schedule

The Eastern Connecticut Fire School in Willimantic is offering a Firefighter I and Firefighter II Course as part of their 2018 Spring Class Schedule.

Please see the attached for additional course information and registration. Questions may be directed to (860) 487-1105.

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9. ICS-400 Advanced ICS Command and General Staff – Complex Incidents

The Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of DESPP is conducting ICS-400, Advanced ICS Command and General Staff – Complex Incidents training on January 10 and 17, 2018. This class delivery will be taught over 2 consecutive Wednesdays. The classes will be at the UCONN Health Center, 16 Munson Road, Farmington, CT 06032 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM each day. To register, go to the www.ct.gov/DEMHS website under Training Calendar. There is no charge for this class. Questions please contact Gary Ruggiero, 860-685-8545 or gary.ruggiero@ct.gov.

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