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Inspection Detail

Case Status: CLOSED

Inspection: 1567974.015 – City Of Sterling – Fire Dept.

Inspection Information - Office: Illinois Public Sector 0551701

Inspection Nr: 1567974.015

Report ID: 0551701

Date Opened: 12/10/2021

Site Address:

City Of Sterling - Fire Dept.
10031 Ridge Road
Rock Falls, IL 61071

Union Status: Union

SIC:

NAICS: 922160/Fire Protection

Mailing Address:

212 3rd Avenue Skip Lee, Mayor,
Sterling, IL 61081

Inspection Type: Fat/Cat

Safety/Health: Safety

Scope: Partial

Close Conference: 02/03/2022

Advanced Notice: N

Emphasis:

Ownership: LocalGovt

Case Closed: 05/23/2022

Related Activity

| Type | Activity Nr | Safety | Health |
|------|-------------|--------|--------|
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|------------|---------|-----|--|
| Accident | 1841714 | | |
| Inspection | 1568109 | Yes | |

Case Status: **CLOSED**

Violation Summary

| Violations/Penalties | Serious | Willful | Repeat | Other | Unclass | Total |
|----------------------|---------|----------|--------|-------|---------|----------|
| Initial Violations | 2 | 3 | | | | 5 |
| Current Violations | 2 | 3 | | | | 5 |
| Initial Penalty | \$0 | \$24,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$24,000 |
| Current Penalty | \$0 | \$24,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$24,000 |
| FTA Penalty | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Violation Items

| # | Citation ID | Citation Type | Standard Cited | Issuance Date | Abatement Due Date | Current Penalty | Initial Penalty | FTA Penalty | Contest | Latest Event |
|----|-------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|---------|-------------------|
| 1. | 01001 | Willful | 820 ILCS 219/20(A) | 04/05/2022 | 05/25/2022 | \$8,000 | \$8,000 | \$0 | | I - Informal Sett |
| 2. | 01002 | Willful | 19100134 G04 | 04/05/2022 | 05/25/2022 | \$8,000 | \$8,000 | \$0 | | I - Informal Sett |
| 3. | 01003 | Willful | 19100156 C02 | 04/05/2022 | 05/25/2022 | \$8,000 | \$8,000 | \$0 | | I - Informal Sett |
| 4. | 02001 | Serious | 820 ILCS 219/20(A) | 04/05/2022 | 05/25/2022 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | | I - Informal Sett |
| 5. | 02002 | Serious | 19100134 G03 III | 04/05/2022 | 05/25/2022 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | | I - Informal Sett |

Investigation Summary

Investigation Nr: 141803.015

Event: 12/03/2021

Employee is killed when trapped in home during fire fighting

At 11:04 p.m. on December 3, 2021, a resident called 911 to report a structure fire in a garage. The Fire Department arrived on the scene at 11:18 p.m. The fire spread to the home and offensive firefighting measures were employed as firefighters concentrated on removing the ceiling. The employee and Coworker #1 teamed up and entered the living room and began to pull the ceiling down with Coworker #2 on nozzle. They exhausted their air bottles and left to swap out bottles and be reassigned. The employee and Coworker #1 entered the building again together. Coworker #2 was entered to meet up with Coworker #3 and Coworker #4, who reported low visibility due to heavy smoke. Coworker #1 entered the first bedroom and started to pull the ceiling while the employee went to the last bedroom on the left and Coworker #2 went to the bathroom to do the same. Coworker #1 and Coworker #2 exhausted their air bottles and exited. As they exited, the ceiling trusses came down and they informed Operations Command. The employee walked into the kitchen and spoke with Coworker #5. The employee was low on air and left the room alone. The fire entered the room and they heard a Mayday on the primary channel. They tried to determine who was calling for help and with no answer heard a second Mayday with no response. The operations commander requested a Personal Accountability Report (PAR). No officer took credit for declaring PAR was completed; however, multiple firefighters heard "We have PAR" on the radio. Coworker #3 and Coworker #4 conducted an interior search of the 1st floor and found nothing. Another crew cut holes to access to the basement while another crew

attempted to gain access through the stairs, but the passageway was blocked. They ran low on air and exited. About this time, they discovered the employee missing and began to search for the downed firefighter. The employee was located in the basement and had died due to lack of oxygen and inhalation of products of combustion.

Keywords: Asphyxiated, Building, Building Collapse, Burn, Cardiovasc System, Caught In, Collapse, Emergency Response, Fire, Fire Brigade, Fire Brigade/Department, Fire Fighter, Fire Truck, Head, Insufficient Supervision, Lack of oxygen, Lung, Misjudgment, Misjudgment of Hazardous Situation, Oxygen Deficiency, Scba, Structural Collapse, Supervision

Investigated Inspection

| # | Inspection | Age | Sex | Degree of Injury | Nature of Injury | Occupation |
|---|-------------|-----|-----|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 1567974.015 | 38 | M | Fatality | | Fire Fighter |

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