

## **#29: Fall – Inspection #1016103**

A **46 year old male** employee died due to injuries sustained after 28 foot fall. The victim was operating a Thermoplastic Polyolefin (TPO) roofing membrane machine on the roof. As he was backing up with the machine, unaware of his surroundings and how close he was to the edge of the roof, he reached down to pull the cord of the machine closer to him, lost his balance and fell over the side of the roof. The worker was not wearing any fall protection.

### **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.

#### **Citation 1**

Item 1 1926.501(b)(10)	Each employee engaged in roofing activities on low-slope roofs with unprotected sides and edges 6 feet or more above lower levels and 5 feet wide or less was not protected from falling by guardrail systems, safety nets: In that 4 employees were working on a flat roof without fall protection. One worker backed off the roof and fell approximately 28 feet to the ground.
Item 1b 1926.503(a)(1)	The employer did not provide a training program for each employee potentially exposed to fall hazards to enable each employee to recognize the hazards of falling and the procedures to be followed in order to minimize these hazards: In that employees were not provided training to recognize the hazards of falls while working on warehouse roofs.

#### **Citation 2**

Item 1 TDLWD Rule 0800-01-03-.05(1)(a)	An oral report of an employment accident resulting in a fatality or the inpatient hospitalization of three or more employees was not made within eight (8) hours after the occurrence to the nearest Area Office of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health or to the TOSHA toll-free central telephone number (800-249-8510). In that a fatal accident occurred on 12/26/14 and was not reported to TOSHA until 12/29/14.
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Photo 1 of 1: Red arrow indicates where the employee fell off the roof