

# NATF Redacted Operating Experience Report

## Electrician Falls from Truck When Throwing Material

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## Topic

Electrician Falls from Truck when Throwing Material

## Description

Electrician fell off the side of an F-550 bucket truck while disposing scrap material from the truck. The electrician was removing a 50-pound, four-foot long section of double cross-arm, fully loaded with insulators and arrestors, at the end of his work day. The electrician was disposing of the cross-arm section by throwing it into the dumpster, when material attached to the cross-arm became entangled on the right sleeve of his shirt, pulling him from the truck. The electrician fell just over five feet to the ground. The injured electrician was found a short time later lying on the ground between the truck and the dumpster.

## Lessons Learned

1. Lack of preparation (discussion) for end-of-shift activities that could have identified other means for handling heavy and awkward scrap material.
2. Safety Rulebook not used. Proper load handling and disposal guidelines were not followed.
3. Management Audits did not identify at-risk behaviors when unloading scrap materials from trucks.

## Actions Taken

- Created video to raise awareness of end-of-shift safety hazards
- Published procedure to provide a Yard Dog Checklist to auditors
- Reinforced expectations to follow guidance in the Safety Rule Book when handling awkward or heavy materials (load)
- Evaluated updating the Job Briefing Sheet to include focus on end-of-shift hazards

## Extent of Condition

N/A