

(11/2012)

Crane 121 =

Person Contacted and / or Served:

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INSPECTION AND COMPLAINT REPORT

(11/2012)

ER NO. Mine 185=

Exp. 190 =

Fireworks 921 =

Crane 121 =

Company Name: VERGONA CRANE CO. INC.											
Employer/Agent/Contractor Name: SAME AS ABOVE Phone No. (201) 945-7209											
Address: 180 W. FOREST AVE ENGLEWOOD, NJ 07631											
Company No. 66148888				Date 072219							
Operation 220				Travel Hours 1.5				Insp. Hours 2.5			
Inspector's ID No. 81				Inspection No. 141 - 19				Type 050			

Person Contacted and / or Served:

Crane Operator's Name:

None

Crane Operator's Address:

None

(P.O. Box Is Not To Be Used)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone No. _____

New Jersey Crane Operator License No.

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Credentials: N.J. Operator License: ☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, indicate Expiration Date

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NCCCO Certification: ☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, indicate Expiration Date

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Medical Card: ☐ YES ☐ NO If YES, indicate Expiration Date

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Crane Certification: ☐ LBC ☐ LBT ☐ TSS ☐ TLL ☐ TCRTWR

Specified Job Location: BOOM COLLAPSE @ 142 HAMILTON ST.

NEW BRUNSWICK NJ
(MIDDLESEX COUNTY)Crane Type: Make MANITOWOC Model 777
LBC

Complainant Name:

Complainant Address: CROSS CITE: INSPECTION #143-19

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone No. _____

Follow Up or Order No.:

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Attachments: () Order (☒) Supplemental Report () Blast Report (☒) Picture(s)

Explain the Type of Inspection in Detail if Applicable

Seismic: Distance, Direction and address at seismograph: #050 ACCIDENT, INCIDENT

PPV: _____ In/Sec. Freq: _____ Cy/Sec. Air: _____ DB-L Inst. No. _____

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(Date of Action Taken)

() Accident Investigation () Refer to MSHA () Refer to OSHA () Other(s)

Inspector:

William F. Fisher, Jr.

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EW BRUNSWICK - A construction crane collapsed onto a multi-unit apartment building across the street from Rutgers University Sunday night.

The crane, which was being used to build a nine-story apartment building, crashed down onto the apartment building around 8 p.m. on 142 Hamilton St.

The apartment building sustained significant damage, and so did a house next to it.

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The complex housed students who attend Rutgers University, but Heather Harris, a resident of the apartment building, confirmed that "none of the residents were home when the crane collapsed."

Officials are trying to determine what caused the crane to come down.

News 12 is waiting to hear back from the construction company.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (CBSNewYork) — The weather may have caused a crane to come crashing down onto a home on Sunday.

CBS2's Hazel Sanchez heard from one resident who left right before it happened.

New Brunswick fire and police were on the scene on Hamilton Street off Easton Avenue, where that massive crane tipped over onto a home and taking down power lines. Local residents said it all happened when a quick-moving storm plowed through the area, taking everyone by surprise.



Witnesses said it happened after 7:30 p.m. One neighborhood was taken over by strong winds and heavy rain. The wind was so intense it twisted and toppled over the crane that was parked at a construction sight on Hamilton Street.

The crane crushed the third floor of a home where seven women live, all of them students at Rutgers University. Thankfully, no one was home at the time.

A crane toppled over onto a house in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on July 21, 2019. (Photo: @Deborah_H)

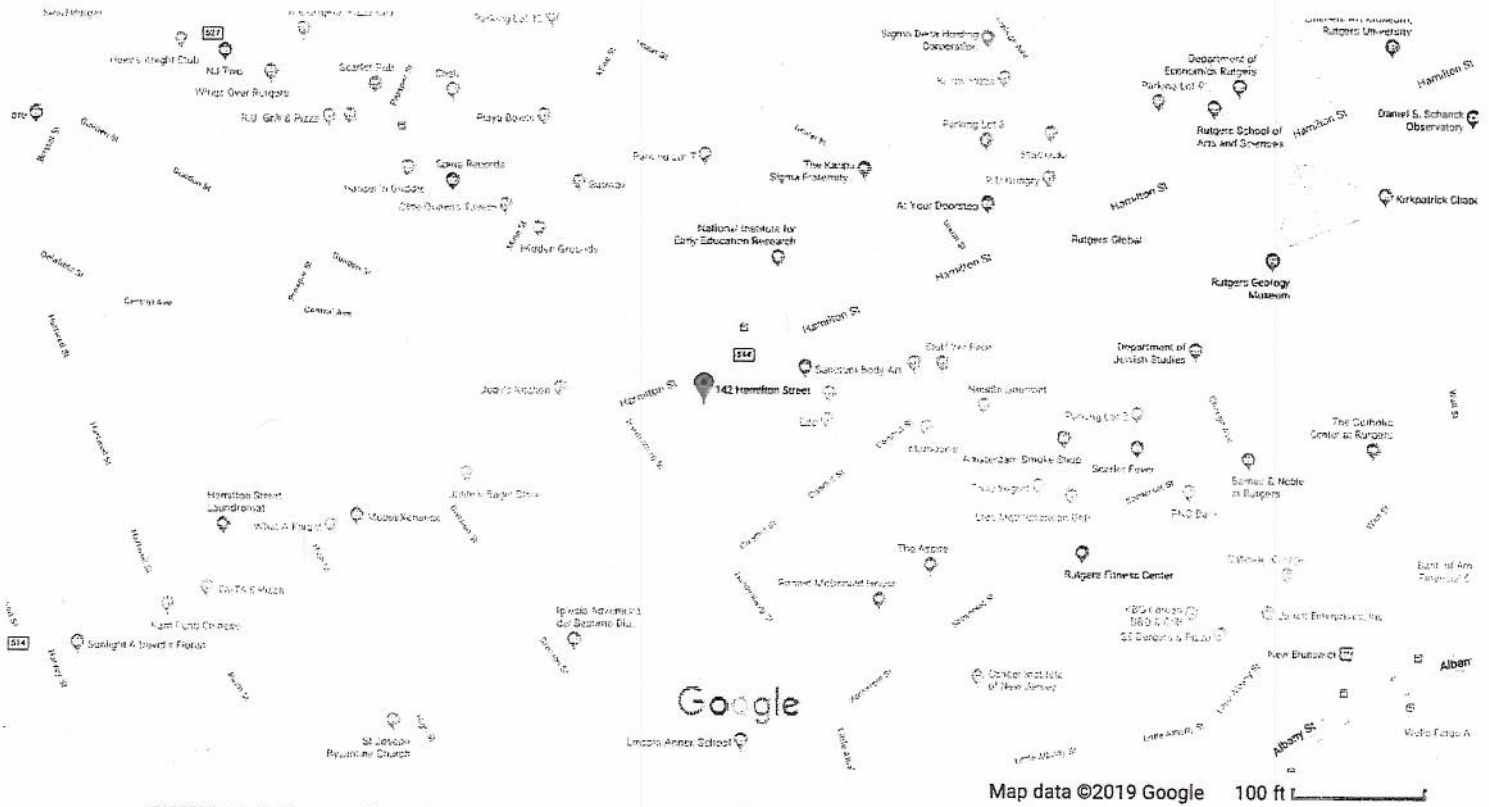
Sanchez spoke with one of the tenants, Heather Harris, who said she had been home

all day and luckily decided at the last moment to head outside. She got stuck in the storm and was shocked to find the crane had sliced through the third floor where two of her housemates sleep.

"I felt kind of numb. I still don't really know what I'm looking at, other than the fact that I can't go in," Harris said. "The thought that I was brought out of that house and it happened probably 30 minutes after makes me feel like I was meant to be here. Blessed. Because I was supposed to be laying right there."

No injuries were reported, but the neighborhood was dealing with power outages.

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New Brunswick, NJ 08901



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Construction crane topples, slams into apartment building near Rutgers

Updated Jul 22, 2019;
Posted Jul 22, 2019



A construction crane collapsed into residential buildings on Hamilton Street in New Brunswick on Sunday. The road remained blocked off Monday morning.

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UPDATE: [Removal of collapsed crane that damaged several homes near Rutgers U. could take days, officials say](#)

New Brunswick police closed off several streets near Rutgers University late Sunday after a crane collapsed onto residential buildings near the college.

No injuries were immediately reported but video from the scene showed the toppled crane caused damage multiple buildings on the 100 block of Hamilton Street.

Anthony Garcia, 9, said he heard a loud bang around 5 or 6 p.m. When he looked out his window, a crane crashed into a house three doors away. Garcia said it was windy both before and after the crane fell.

"It was very scary," he said, as he walked on Hamilton Street Monday morning.

A brief storm with high winds appears to have toppled the crane Sunday evening. NBC New York reported the crane smashed into a home with a woman inside but she was not hurt.

George Chedid, who co-owns four townhouse units on Condict Street, said one unit suffered major damage to its roof and another was destroyed entirely after the crane's wrecking ball ripped through it. No one was in the homes or injured by the damage, he said.

Chedid said he was told they're going to deconstruct the crane, but are making sure they're careful not to cause any more structural damage or impact live wires



Reports on social media stated the crane was on Easton Avenue and being used to construct a nine-story, 181-unit apartment building near the intersection of Easton Avenue and Hamilton Street.

New Brunswick officials issued an alert late Sunday stating that Hamilton Street between Easton Avenue and Hardenberg Street is closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:40 AM
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Cc: Fulmore, Keva
Subject: FW: Preliminary After Action Report
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Please include this in the Verona crane incident file. Thanks.

From: Spych, William
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Subject: Preliminary After Action Report

PRELIMINARY AFTER ACTION REPORT
BOOM COLLAPSE AT 142 HAMILTON STREET
NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY
07-21-2019

This report addresses the initial findings at the above location cited. A Manitowic Crawler Crane with a 300 Foot Boom Attachment owned and operated by Vergona Crane Rental located at 180 W. Forest, Engelwood, NJ was subjected to straight-line winds on the evening of Sunday, July 21, 2019 between 1930-2000 hours. Said crane was not operational at the time of the incident. Due to the weather conditions that prevailed at that time, the boom attachment suffered a catastrophic failure, as shown in the pictures attached. Said boom struck overhead wires and came to rest on the structure located at the above address. There were no injuries to any persons in the immediate vicinity.













