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Construction Worker Dies After Fall

We are currently on the scene of a construction accident on the Eckerd College Campus, 4200 54th Avenue South. We received the call at approximately 9:20 a.m. this morning.

Information is preliminary, but it appears a 60 year old male construction worker employed by Universal Control, an electrical contractor, was working on top of a catwalk inside an auditorium named the Bininger Performing Arts Building.

Although the cause is not clear, the worker fell from the catwalk approximately 30 feet on to the auditorium floor.

Paramedic arriving on the scene found the worker was in cardiac arrest and he was transported to Bayfront Hospital where he was later pronounced decease.

It not clear yet whether the worker suffered a medical episode which may have contributed to the fall or there was some other cause. Nothing has been found which might suggest an equipment or structural failure.

Once confirmation has been received that next of kin have been notified I will release the worker’s name.

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