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Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 10:48 AM
To: Duffy, Daniel
Cc: Torres Rojas, Genara; Van Duyne, Sheree
Subject: Freedom of Information Online Request Form

Information:

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Required copies of the records: Yes

List of specific record(s):

We are requesting a complete copy of all reports and investigation into the accident of James Rericha which occurred on 9811 or 9911 at Stewart Airport in Newburgh, NY. Mr. Rericha was an employee of Contract Technology and was excavating part of the airport. While excavating, he struck an electrical line and was shocked. he was hospitalized for two weeks. We are working for the insurance carrier for Geotrack, who also worked on this project.

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

FOI Administrator

November 26, 2013

Mr. John Mooneu
Daniel J. Hannon and Associates
55 Maple Avenue, 4th Floor
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Re: Freedom of Information Reference No. 14080

Dear Mr. Mooneu:

This is in response to your June 24, 2013 request, which has been processed under the Port Authority's Freedom of Information Code (the "Code", copy enclosed), for a complete copy of all reports and investigation into the accident of James Rericha which occurred on September 8, 2011 or September 9, 2011 at Stewart Airport in Newburgh, NY.

Material responsive to your request and available under the Code can be found on the Port Authority's website at <http://www.panynj.gov/corporate-information/foi/14080-O.pdf>.

Certain material responsive to your request is exempt from disclosure pursuant to exemption (1) of the Code.

Please refer to the above FOI reference number in any future correspondence relating to your request.

Very truly yours,



Ann L. Qureshi
FOI Administrator

Enclosure

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1. Agency F2 TROOP F - ZONE 2	2. Div/Preinct F251	New York State INCIDENT REPORT	3. ORI NY1350200	5. Case No. 4234699	6. Incident No. 4234699
7,8,9. Date Reported (Day, Date, Time) THURSDAY 09/08/2011 01:11		10,11,12. Occurred On/From (Day, Date, Time) THURSDAY 09/08/2011 01:11		13,14,15. Occurred To (Day, Date, Time)	
16. Incident Type ACCIDENT-INDUSTRIAL			17. Business Name SWF/ AOA		
19. Incident Address (Street Name, Bldg. No., Apt. No.) 1180 FIRST ST					
20. City/State/Zip NEW WINDSOR NEW YORK 12553					
21. Location Code (FSL:ED) NEW WINDSOR TOWN 3664		23. No. of Victims 1	24. No. of Suspects 0	26. Victim also Complainant? NO	
Location Type TRANSIT FACILITY					

22. OFF. No.	LAW SECTION	SUB	CL	CAT	DEG	ATT	NAME OF OFFENSE	CTS
1	PL	120.20	A	M	2	C	RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT 2ND	1

ASSOCIATED PERSONS

25. TYPE	Name (Last, First, Middle, Title)	DOB	Street Name Bldg., Apt.No., City, State, Zip	Res Phone Bus Phone
NEXT OF KIN	REICHA, FRANK, M	Ex. (1)	Ex. (1)	Ex. (1)
PERSON INTERVIEWED	FURNAM, CHARLES, D	Ex. (1)	Ex. (1)	
PERSON INTERVIEWED	GALLAGHER, LAWRENCE, G	Ex. (1)	Ex. (1)	Ex. (1)
PERSON INTERVIEWED	HAPKE, QUINTON, D	Ex. (1)	Ex. (1)	Ex. (1)
PERSON NOT (YET) INTERVIEWED	HUNTER, WILLIAM, M	Ex. (1)	Ex. (1)	
VICTIM	REICHA, JAMES, M	Ex. (1)	Ex. (1)	Ex. (1)

VICTIM

Name	27. DOB	28. Age	29. Gender	30. Race	31. Ethnicity	32. Handicap	33. Residence
REICHA, JAMES, M	Ex. (1)	25	MALE	WHITE	NOT HISPANIC		

NARRATIVE

Date of Action	Date Written	Officer Name & Rank
09/08/2011	09/08/2011	MARKLE, KYLIE (IPR)
Narrative		
<p>1. 09/08/11 I received a call from SP Montgomery desk in regards to a 911 call for a man being electrocuted on the AOA at Stewart International Airport T/New Windsor. I respond in 2E37 to the AOA southeast of taxiway Bravo. SWF Operations employee Sean Harrington was the individual to make the 911 call. SWF Operations employee Donald C. Arns on scene.</p> <p>2. 09/08/11 As I arrive at the scene, the victim James M. Reicha Ex. (1) was being cared for by Mobile Life Paramedics. I inquired from one of the paramedics that P-1 J. RERICHA is being transported to St. Lukes Newburgh for further medical treatment. I spoke to a member of the Air National Guard FD who stated that P-1 J. RERICHA had struck an electrical wire buried in the ground while working in the area. His co-workers assisted Reicha out of the hole he was digging in and proceeded to administer CPR until the Air National Guard FD arrived, at which point an AED was used by the FD to establish a pulse. Mobile Life arrived on scene, stabilized the victim and transported to above said hospital.</p>		
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09/08/2011	09/08/2011	FULTON, DARRIN (INV)
Narrative		

SP Stewart Airport BCI Case Adoption - Inv. Darrin Fulton assigned.

1. 09/08/11, SP Stewart Airport Trooper Kyle M. Markle advised writer of this case. Tpr. Markle reiterated what he stated in his initial entry. Notes from Trooper Markle obtained and remain in case file.
2. On 09/08/11, Inv. Fulton & SP Stewart Airport Trooper John M. Potter patrolled to the Stewart Airport Operations Office and met with Senior Operations Officer Lawrence Gallagher. Gallagher provided writer with a deposition from Port Authority Engineer Quinton D. Hapke who was present when the victim in this case was electrocuted. Hapke stated the victim in this case James M. Rericha Ex. (1) whom is employed by Contracting Technology Inc. (CTI) was working on replacing temperature sensors located in an area southeast of taxiway Bravo near the intersection of runway 16/34. The victim was working with two other CTI employees which included his father Frank M. Rericha Ex. (1) (CTI), and William M. Hunter Ex. (1) (CTI). At approximately 12:50 a.m., Hapke observed the victim James M. Rericha Ex. (1) retrieve a metal ground rod and probe an area where the three employees had been digging a hole attempting to locate the temperature sensor cable. Hapke stated during the dig the employees simultaneously were "dewatering the hole". Hapke observed the victim "stiffen" and fall (strike) his father who was digging next to his son. Hapke stated the victim was unresponsive and CPR was initiated immediately by the victims father and Hunter. A copy of the deposition is attached to this report as item #1.
3. On 09/08/11, Inv. Fulton, Tpr. Potter and Senior Operations Officer Gallagher returned to the original scene and photographed the scene. The scene was located approximately ten feet southeast from the intersection of taxiway Bravo & Runway 16/34 and consisted of a 4' (approx.) ditch filled with murky water. Said ditch contained a copper colored metal bar partially submerged a Ridgid brand shop vac, extensions cords, portable light, and grapple bar. No evidence collected due to the fact the scene/area is still deemed unsafe.
4. On 09/08/11, Inv. Fulton interviewed Port Authority resident engineer Omar Stachio at Ex. (1). Stachio stated Port Authority General Manager James Keane assigned to operational safety risk management will make all notifications including OSHA. Stachio stated it is unclear at this time what cable/wire the victim struck. According to Stachio numerous cables/wire are in the area ranging from 5000 volts to very low voltage. The scene will be inspected at a later time.
5. On 09/08/11, writer left msg. for Port Authority General Manager James Keane ref. OSHA notification.
6. On 09/08/11, writer contacted the victims father Frank M. Rericha and spoke to him telephonically. Rericha reported his son is expected to make a full recovery. Due to the fact Rericha and Hunter just returned to the area (from Westchester), writer will interview/depose both parties on Friday, 09/09/11. ITC

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09/09/2011	09/09/2011	FULTON, DARRIN (INV)

Narrative

On 09/09/11, Inv. Fulton interviewed victims father (witness) Frank M. Rericha Ex. (1) at SWF BCI. Rericha stated he is employed/owner CTI company and was subcontracted by Vaisala Inc. Boulder Operations 194 South Taylor Avenue Louisville, CO 80027, to install a runway weather information system at Stewart International Airport. On 09/08/11, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Rericha and his son James M. Rericha (victim) & CTI employee William M. Hunter were digging by hand near taxiway Bravo when James Rericha probed the ground (with a metal implement) and suddenly stated he needed help and then collapsed into the hole. Rericha and co-worker then performed CPR until the Air National Guard Fire Department arrived. A Genl. 4 supporting deposition is attached to this report as enclosure #2.

On 09/09/11, Inv. Fulton interviewed CTI employee William M. Hunter who reiterated what Frank M. Rericha stated earlier.

On 09/09/11, Inv. Fulton interviewed OSHA Compliance Officer Charles Farnum (518) 464-4338 ext. 226 at SWF BCI regarding this case. Farnum stated he will be investigating/adopting case and the scene is still unsafe to enter. Farnum stated the scene will be reexamined at a later date. Due to the fact no criminal offenses occurred regarding this case, said case to be closed by investigation. OSHA to issue appropriate violations if warranted. CBI

SP SWF BCI - 4234699 - Closed by Investigation - No Evidence - Final

Enclosures:

- 1- Deposition Hapke
- 2- Deposition Rericha

ADMINISTRATIVE

74. Inquiries	75. NYSPIN Message No.	76. Complainant Signature	
77. Reporting Officer Signature (Include Rank) INV DARRIN FULTON	78. ID No. 632	79. Supervisor Signature (Include Rank) SR INV ANIELLO MOSCATO	80. ID No. 674
81. Status CLOSED BY INVESTIGATION	82. Status Date 09/08/2011	83. Notified/TOT	
			Solvability Total 0

105TH AG, NY. AIR NATIONAL GUARD
STEWART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
NEWBURGH, NEW YORK

AIRCRAFT ALARM REPORT

TO: Airport Manager

Controlled Report Number: 2011/31

Date: 9/8/11 Time Out 0056 Termination 0115 Time In: 0118

ALARM RECEIVED VIA: Crash Phone Telephone (ICM) Radio Verbal

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Crash IFE Ground Fire EMS Other

LOCATION: Runway _____ Taxiway B Ramp _____ Other _____

AIRCRAFT DATA: Registration Number _____ Number of Engines _____

Manufacturer's Name _____ Type _____

Owner _____

OWNERSHIP: Corporate Private Military Comm Other _____

Number Personnel on Board: _____ Home Airport: _____

FIRE RESCUE EQUIPMENT Ch 1 Ch 2 R- 4 C- 5 C-6

C-7 T-9 L-10 E-11 C-3 C-8

"Haz-Mat Trailer"

Number ANG FD Personnel Responding: 4 Other Fire Departments : 1 Total FFs: 5

Extinguishing Agents Used: _____ gals. AFFF _____ gals. Water _____ Halon

_____ lbs. PKP _____ CO2 ext. _____ PKP

Types and Amounts of Absorbents Used _____

Additional Information

Report of an electrution of a contractor at Taxiway B and RW 16/34. Upon arrival, CPR in progress by civilian contractor. No pulse or respiration. CPR continued. Applied AED and shock advised and admitted. CPR for 1 cycle. AED anilized and no shock advised. Pt had distal pulse began breathing on own, CPR continued. Airway monitored and transferred to MLSS paramedics where CPR was stopped.

D. 9/8/11

Assistant Fire Chief:

Kevin McGarvey
Kevin McGarvey

Fire Chief:

[Signature]
JOHN WILSON

Stewart International Airport - Airside Log

INCIDENT R

AIRPORT OPERATIONS INCIDENT REPORT

Log Entered 09/08/11 2:20

Event Date/Time 09/08/11 2:20

Date: 9/8/2011

Time: 12:49 AM

Operations Supervisor(s):

DON ARNS

SEAN HARRINGTON

Incident: CONTRACTOR ELECTROCUTED ON AOA

Location: SOUTH EAST SIDE OF BRAVO IN THE INTERSECTION OF 16/34

Details:

CTI WAS PERFORMING NIGHT CONSTRUCTION; HAND DIGGING SOUTHEAST OF BRAVO TO FIND UTILITY LINES. JAMES RERICHA (AGE 25) STUCK A HIGH VOLTAGE LINE WITH HIS GROUNDROD AND LOST CONSCIOUSNESS. DAVE HAPKE (ESCORT) CALLED OPERATIONS AND BEGAN TO ADMINISTER CPR. OPERATIONS CONTACTED 911 AND AIR GUARD FD. ANGFD WAS ON SITE AT 1257AM AND BEGAN ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE JAMES. MOBILE LIFE ALSO RESPONDED AND TRANSPORTED THE VICTIM TO ST. LUKES IN NEWBURGH. JAME IS LISTED AS CRITICAL BUT STABLE AND IS BEING TRANSPORTED TO WESTCHESTER HOSPITAL.

Injuries:

LISTED CRITICAL BUT STABLE NOTHING FURTHER YET

Damages: