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## **One Man Dead, Another Injured in Fork Lift Accident**

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(Christiansburg, VA) – One man is dead and another is seriously injured following a fork lift accident in Christiansburg earlier today.

Christiansburg police, fire, and rescue crews responded to the 1000 block of Radford Rd. around 11:20 a.m. after receiving a call that a fork lift had overturned on someone.

Robert Joseph Tucker, 50 and from Christiansburg, was operating the fork lift as he and another man worked to cut trees on the property. According to witnesses, Tucker attempted to exit the cab and run to safety as the machine started to turn over but was struck by the elevated bucket. Tucker was pronounced dead at the scene.

A 22-year-old man was in the elevated bucket when the fork lift overturned. He was airlifted to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital with serious injuries. His identity is not being released to protect his privacy. His current status is unknown.

OSHA responded to the scene and is also investigating the accident.

Tucker's remains have been transported to the Roanoke Medical Examiner's Office, where an autopsy will be performed.

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