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DATE: 11/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

SUBJECT: Duluth Fire Department responds to call of pinned building maintenance worker

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NATURE OF INCIDENT:

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE:

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[DULUTH, MN] At 11:40 AM, Duluth Fire Department was dispatched to the 300 block of West First Street, where a building maintenance worker on a telescoping boom lift was pinned to the exterior of the building. The sidewalk vault that serves the adjacent building collapsed under two of the boom lift's four tires, causing the boom to shift, pinning the worker to the building under the weight of the boom.

Rescue 1 crews worked from inside the building while 1 Tower's crews worked from the bucket of 1 Tower to rescue the worker, using air lift bags to extricate the worker. The extrication took approximately 10 minutes, at which time the worker was transported by Mayo Ambulance to a local hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries sustained in the accident.

Duluth Fire Department extends thanks to Duluth Police Department, City of Duluth Public Works and Utilities, Lake City Towing, Oneida Realty, Mayo Ambulance, and Saint Louis County 911 for their work in the rescue.

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