

INJURED BRIDGE WORKER RESCUED BY VALLEJO FIRE DEPARTMENT

VALLEJO - Vallejo Firefighters responded to the new span of the Carquinez Bridge that is under construction Wednesday for a worker who had been hit by a cable.

Firefighters arrived at the bridge to find a male worker who had been hit by a cable on the northwest side of the bridge on the catwalk just under the main support cables. Firefighters packaged the worker in full cervical spine precautions and then, used high angle rescue equipment to lower the injured worker from the scene of the incident to the ground using a braking system and stokes basket.

The cause of the accident is under investigation by Caltrans and the bridge construction company at this time. The Vallejo Fire Department responded 1- ALS Engine, 1- Truck Company, Rescue 21 and 1 Assistant Chief for a total of nine personnel. Firefighters had the injured worker on the ground in 42 minutes after the original call came in.

The injured worker was transported from the bridge to a waiting air ambulance for transport to John Muir Trauma Center in Walnut Creek. The condition of the worker is not known, but he was alert at the time of transport.



