

# Alexandria Fire Department



## Safety Bulletin

<b>Subject:</b> Near Miss – Apparatus Cab Tilt	SB 12-002
<b>Approved:</b> Battalion Chief Jeffrey Merryman <i>JM</i> Health and Safety Unit	<b>Date:</b> 03/22/2012

Fire Maintenance Mechanics raised the cab on Rescue Engine 206 in order to gain access to the engine compartment to accomplish needed repairs. After the repairs were completed, the mechanics were in the process of lowering the cab back into normal position. A hydraulic line failed and caused the cab to fall rapidly without the use of safety controls. If a *Safety/All Clear* check by the mechanic was not established prior to lowering the cab a significant injury and/or death may have occurred.

The Health and Safety Unit wants to remind all personnel to follow manufacturer guidelines along with all applicable safety protocols when raising, tilting, and lowering the cab of any apparatus. Ensure that all personnel are clear when raising and lowering the cab. Never use your hands to reach in and unlock the cab locks. Remember that all apparatus have different cab tilt mechanisms. Consult the specific manufacturer's guidelines for your apparatus and contact Fire Maintenance for assistance if needed.

