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## LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE

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### **Lincoln Fire & Rescue Team deployed to Basset, Nebraska for rescue mission.**

Shortly after 2 p.m. today, Fire Chief Mike Spadt was contacted by Andrea Weed, of Good Samaritan Hospital AirCare Helicopter services requesting assistance in a broadcast tower rescue. The NETV tower was being serviced by a private contractor, when one of the 3 workers on the tower fell. His medical condition was unknown, but apparently unconscious approximately 200 feet from the top of the 1,000 foot tower. Local responders did not have the resources to effect a safe rescue, and requested assistance from the Lincoln Fire & Rescue Department.

In little more than 30 minutes, Chief Spadt assembled a 6 person rescue team. In addition he briefed the Mayor and discussed providing assistance with Governor Johanns, who all agreed that the Lincoln Team should assist any way possible.

The Lincoln Fire & Rescue team is composed of members of the department, including some who worked in New York City at the World Trade Center as part of the Urban Search & Rescue Task Force team. Equipment was pulled from the US&R cache and the department to be utilized in the rescue efforts.

The rescue team departed the Lincoln Municipal airport before 4 P. M. aboard a State of Nebraska aircraft, arranged by NEMA, and are anticipated to arrive there around 5:30 P. M.

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