

**Case 260. 68-year-old male Fire Chief died when he fell and struck his head on the concrete fire station floor.**

68-year-old male Fire Chief died when he fell and struck his head on the concrete fire station floor. He had returned to the fire station after fighting a fire at a single family home. The decedent and other fire fighters were fixing the equipment. The decedent was working alone. He went to an air fill station for the SCBA tanks when he apparently fell backwards to the floor. Coworkers heard noise and an assistant chief found him on the floor and found him in the center of the aisle on the floor alert and bleeding from the back of his head. The decedent was responsive at this time. He later became non-responsive and unable to answer questions. There was no known reason for his fall. EMS was called and he was transported to a nearby hospital and then to another hospital. He died one week after the fall. Coworkers did not observe any items in the hose rack disturbed or any marks on the apparatus and the air fill station had turned off automatically. The air fill station appeared to be intact and there was not any physical or electrical damage to the unit. His coworkers informed MIOSHA that the floor was dry and did not have any slip/trip hazards.

MIOSHA General Industry Safety and Health Division did not issue any citations at the conclusion of its investigation.