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Firefighters Rescue Man from Tree

SUFFOLK, VA (May 13, 2010) Firefighters coordinated a high-angle rescue Wednesday afternoon to rescue a tree worker who became stranded approximately 60 feet off the ground. Suffolk Fire and Rescue were called to the 800 blk. of Carolina Rd. at approximately 4:00 p.m. after a 40-year-old man became unresponsive while working with a chain saw in a pine tree. When firefighters arrived on the scene, the subject, who appeared dehydrated and weak, was holding onto the tree and ropes.

Firefighters were able to use a ladder truck to reach the victim. Lt. Braxton Sweat was able to work with ropes and the victim's safety harness to pull him to safety. The rescue took approximately 30 minutes.

The victim was treated at the scene but declined to be transported to the hospital.

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