

Scaffold Collapse on Fayetteville Street

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The local news ably covered Monday's fatal scaffold collapse on Fayetteville Street, with such stories that day as from [WRAL](#) and [WTVD](#) and the [News & Observer](#). And their coverage has continued, with stories about the three workers who were killed, the companies involved in the incident, and the beginnings of the investigation. The Associated Press also carried the story, which surfaced on such sites as [Firehouse.com](#) and [Fire Engineering](#).

The first call was dispatched at 10:58 a.m. to 501 Fayetteville Street as an injured person for Engine 1. That's an eleven-story office building with 243,000 square-feet under construction at northeast corner of Fayetteville and Lenoir streets. Additional units were added as additional callers reported collapsed scaffolding with people trapped. Engine 2, Ladder 4, Squad 7, Rescue 1, Battalion 3, Battalion 5, and USAR 801 were added to the call.

Arriving units found collapsed sections of a mast climber scaffold, with the platform in street, and three deceased people and one person with serious injuries. The patient was transported and collapse area was evacuated. Construction workers were also evacuated from the building site. Most fire companies were returned to service, while Ladder 4 remained on scene. Rescue 1 was also requested back to the scene.

Command post and staging were located on South Street in front of the auditorium. Car 1 was incident commander. Fire and EMS personnel remained on scene into late afternoon, assisting with evaluating and securing the remaining sections of scaffolding, investigating the accident site and assist other investigators, and removing the bodies of the deceased workers.

Fire units included E1, E2, L4, Sq7, R1, B3, B5, USAR 801, HM2, C20, C420, C401, C1, C2, C51, C55. EMS units included EMS 11, EMS 19, EMS 35, EMS 41, EMS 51, EMS 55, D1, D2, M93, M93, MD1, MD20, Chief 103, Chief 203, Evac 1.

Mr. Blogger arrived at scene an hour into the incident. He's posted his pictures of the command post, the general perimeter, and people and vehicles therein. [See photos by Mike Legeros](#).





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