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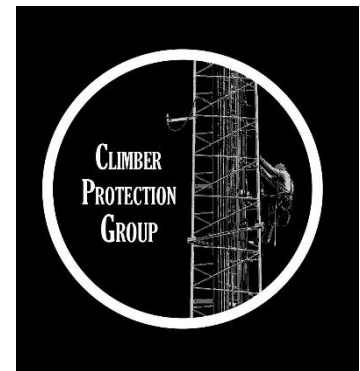
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## **TWO TOWER TECHNICIAN FATALITIES IN FOUR DAYS**

PRAIRE GROVE, IL, DECEMBER 5, 2025 – Two tower technicians lost their lives in four days.

Monday morning, December 1<sup>st</sup> **Gere Thomas Walden a 41 year old a tower technician** from South Carolina, died following of a fall of “roughly 100 feet” from a 300-foot cell tower in Wisconsin. OSHA has opened an investigation.

Thursday afternoon, December 4<sup>th</sup> in Atlantic City, NJ, **a 44 year old yet to be identified tower technician** was injured and died after a gin pole reportedly failed while a crew was removing an abandoned FM pylon from atop a 347-foot radio tower. The incident remains under investigation.

“The loss of even one technician in the field is unacceptable, losing two within four days reinforces the responsibility we all share to keep safety at the forefront,” said **CPG Founder/President Tommy Schuch**.

CPG’s mission is to ensure that every tower climber has a safe, fair, and protected workplace. No climber should ever be forced to choose between getting the job done and making it home alive. **Reporting saves lives.** CPG provides anonymous reporting of hazardous work/conditions which provides essential protection for climbers who face unsafe conditions or unethical practices but fear retaliation. CPG amplifies climbers' voices by exposing industry dangers, advocating for stronger safety standards, and pushing for change.

### **ABOUT CPG:**

Climber Protection Group NFP is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and advocacy-related purposes under Illinois not-for-profit law. While the organization is **not yet recognized as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) by the IRS**, it **intends to seek federal tax-exempt status in the future**. Contributions to CPG are currently **not tax-deductible**.

With a mission based in advocacy, investigation, and education, CPG will produce original content including interviews, reports, and industry analysis. The organization will collaborate with labor experts, safety professionals, and experienced climbers to ensure the accuracy and credibility of its materials.