

## AT A GLANCE

The Indiana Department of Occupation Safety and Health Administration fined three firms for multiple violations after an investigation into the deaths of three workers at a late-June construction site accident in Greenwood.

### Division IV Masonry Inc. and Cornerstone Masonry Inc.

#### Offense 1

Did not provide a place of employment that was free of hazards likely to cause death or serious harm

**Reason:** Workers were exposed to an inadequately braced, unsupported wall that collapsed in high winds.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 2

Did not provide a safety program

**Reason:** Cornerstone Masonry's written safety and health program did not include anything on masonry wall bracing nor adequately address scaffold hazards.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 3

Failed to have a competent person inspect job site, materials and equipment

**Reason:** Subcontractor let workers near unfinished masonry wall during high winds, failing to identify a predictable hazard.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 4a

Did not instruct each employee about hazardous working conditions

**Reason:** Workers were not adequately warned about unsafe conditions in their working environment, such as the possibility of the collapse of masonry walls under construction

**Type of offense:** Serious

#### Offense 4b

The employer did not have each employee trained to understand the hazards of working on a scaffold.

**Reason:** Workers were on a 27-foot-high scaffold without having training from a competent person

**Type of offense:** Serious

#### Offense 4c

Did not have each employee trained to recognize hazards involved in erecting, operating or inspecting a scaffold

**Reason:** Workers using the 27-foot-high scaffold were not properly trained by a competent person.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine (total):** \$1,500

#### Offense 5a

The scaffold was not capable of support-

ing its own weight and at least four times the load applied.

**Reason:** The scaffold had two severely split planks and a badly bent end-frame.

**Type of offense:** Serious

#### Offense 5b

The scaffold was not inspected for visible defects before each work shift.

**Reason:** The scaffold had defects that would have been caught in an inspection.

**Type of offense:** Serious

#### Offense 5c

Part of a damaged or weakened scaffold was not replaced.

**Reason:** Workers did not replace the split planks or the badly bent end-frame on the scaffold.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine (total):** \$1,500

#### Offense 6

Each scaffold platform or walkway was not at least 18 inches wide.

**Reason:** Scaffold platform on the brackets at the worksite was 10 inches wide.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 7

A scaffold was not restrained from tipping by tying or bracing.

**Reason:** The scaffold at the worksite was not properly tied, guyed or braced.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 8

Scaffold legs did not bear on base plates or another sufficiently firm foundation.

**Reason:** The scaffold legs were set on scrap pieces of 2-by-10-inch lumber about 9.5 inches long.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 9

No ladders or stairways provided access to scaffold platforms more than 2 feet above the point of access

**Reason:** Workers climbed the end frames and cross braces to reach the 7.5-foot-high, the 14-foot-high and the 20.5-foot-high platforms on the scaffold.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 10

Work on scaffolds was not prohibited during storms or high winds, and there was

no protection from wind screens.

**Reason:** Workers were on the 27-foot-tall scaffold with no wind screen during a severe thunderstorm with high winds.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 11

Workers on a scaffold were not protected by guardrails.

**Reason:** Workers were on the 27-foot-tall scaffold, which was missing guardrails.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 12a

The area below the scaffold was not blocked off when there was a danger or tools, equipment or other materials falling off the scaffold.

**Reason:** There was a danger of hand tools and concrete blocks falling and striking employees below, but the area underneath was not barricaded.

**Type of offense:** Serious

#### Offense 12b

The scaffold did not have a toe-board to prevent tools or materials from falling off and striking employees below.

**Reason:** No toe-board was erected along the edge of the highest platform on the 27-foot-tall scaffold.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 13

Scaffold frames were not properly braced.

**Reason:** Twelve of 72 cross braces were missing and four cross braces were not secure on the scaffold.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 14

The scaffold's panels were not locked together vertically by pins to prevent displacement.

**Reason:** The scaffold's end frames were not locked together in any way.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 15

Access was not restricted before the construction of a masonry wall.

**Reason:** Subcontractor did not block off access when 20-foot-high and 11-foot-high masonry walls were under construction.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 16

Masonry walls over 8 feet in height were not adequately braced to prevent overturning until permanent supporting elements were in place.

**Reason:** Two walls were under construction without being properly braced.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$1,500

#### Offense 17

Copies of records requested by the government were not provided within four business hours.

**Reason:** Copies of requested records were not provided until Aug. 8, more than a month after they were requested.

**Type of offense:** Non-serious

**Fine:** \$300

### Renier Construction

#### Offense 1

Did not provide a place of employment that was free of hazards likely to cause death or serious harm

**Reason:** Workers were exposed to an inadequately braced, unsupported wall that collapsed in high winds.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$2,500

#### Offense 2

Failed to have a competent person inspect job site, materials and equipment

**Reason:** Contractor let workers near unfinished masonry walls during high winds, failing to identify a predictable hazard

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$2,500

#### Offense 3

Failed to limit access to a masonry wall

**Reason:** Access was not blocked off at a 20-foot-high masonry wall under construction or at an 11-foot-high masonry wall under construction at the job site.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$2,500

#### Offense 4

Masonry walls over 8 feet high were not properly braced.

**Reason:** Workers constructed both a 20-foot-high wall and an 11-foot-high wall without properly bracing either.

**Type of offense:** Serious

**Fine:** \$2,500