

# NASA-LaRC SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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## Emergency Situations

Any emergency situation at LaRC, regardless of the time of day, is to be reported to the Fire Station at extension 42222. This communication link is vital to effective response action. Be certain that when you report an emergency you identify yourself and clearly define the emergency situation and its location. Your timely response in reporting all emergencies is appreciated.

## Supervisor's Report of Accident (Form 95)

The Form 95 has been revised to make reporting to the Risk Management Branch more timely. Signature of the Division Chief or Contract Manager is no longer required. However, the supervisor is required to send a copy of the Form 95 to the Division Chief or Contract Manager. Thank you for your cooperation with this new form.

## Suspended Loads

A suspended load operation involves the use of a crane or hoist that supports the weight of a suspended load. Additional criteria are that personnel involved in the operation have any part of the body directly beneath the suspended load ( this includes operations where employees have their hands on the side of the load ) and in the event of a crane/hoist failure, as the load drops it could contact personnel working directly beneath it, with injury or death as a possible result. This includes operations where the load is secured in a holding fixture or on substantial blocks supporting the entire load even though the crane/hoist hook may still be attached. No distinction is made between a static load and a dynamic load.

Suspended load operations should be eliminated during the design of the hardware and procedures. Where necessary, analysis and documentation is required to perform suspended load operations.

If you are aware of an existing suspended load

operation or may be involved in a future suspended load operation, please contact the Safety Management Section at extension 43371 for assistance.

## Volunteers Needed

Have you recently seen ambulances responding to traffic accidents in Hampton ? Also fire trucks at the scene of a house fire in Hampton ? There is a good chance that these were volunteers responding to emergency situations. Volunteers from Hampton responded to the Amtrack passenger train accident in Newport News last year. Each year volunteers are on the road thousands of times going to emergencies.

These volunteers are well trained, certified by the state of Virginia, equipped to do the job and, most of all, are motivated. Volunteers serve in six volunteer fire companies: Buckroe, Fox Hill, Hampton #1, Northampton, Phoebus, and Wythe. They are also in four volunteer rescue squads: Buckroe, Northampton, Phoebus, and Wythe.

Volunteers are asked to provide twenty-four hours of service per month. All training and equipment is provided free of charge. Volunteers are covered under city insurance while on duty. Over six hundred of your neighbors are volunteers. They live in Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, York County, and Norfolk.

Requirements for the Hampton volunteers program are as follows: be at least sixteen years old, no criminal record, valid Virginia driver's license ( unless active duty military ), good driving record, good physical condition and be able to devote twenty-four hours per month to a volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue squad.

If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer, contact Mr. Joe Frankoski, Volunteer Recruiter, Hampton Division of Fire and Rescue, at 727-1316.