



**KFXL-TV TOWER FAILURE  
OCTOBER 20, 2017 7:55 a.m.**

**Per KFXL station engineer, a crew was scheduled to arrive on-site at 8:30 am, just 35-minutes after the structure collapsed.**

**This failure was 100% predictable and preventable.**

**The chances are good that insurance will not cover this loss, as the owner failed to perform due-diligence. The owner failed to inspect for, and correct, corrosion-related damage.**

***Had the tower stood another 2 hours, with climbing crew on and around the structure, the owner and carriers would be facing legal and financial liability, per OSHA'S requirement to maintain a safe working environment.***

**The article covering failure, along with post-collapse photographs, provided by KFXL-TV, follow.**



## KFXL-TV ARTICLE



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The tower at 4100 Industrial Avenue, near 27th and Superior streets, was leased by a number of companies. "It's just chaos," said a woman who works at the tower site who declined to give her name. "I've got customers coming out of my ears." She said several businesses that lease space on the tower had already been to the site to inspect the damage and look into alternatives. The tower is owned by David Bratcher, LLC who could not be reached for comment.

One of the customers affected is Gray Television, which owns several stations in Lincoln and Nebraska, including KOLN/KGIN Channel 10/11. Mikel Lauber, news director for 10/11 and several other Nebraska stations, said it was his understanding that 10/11's signal was not affected. However, KSNB, Lincoln's NBC affiliate based in Hastings, was affected.

Sinclair Broadcasting-owned station KFXL, which is Lincoln's Fox affiliate, said its over-the-air signal would be "off the air for an undetermined amount of time."

News Director Matt Weesner said only people getting the signal over the air through an antenna should be affected. Spectrum, Windstream and Alio customers or those with a satellite dish should not be affected.

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***Per station's chief engineer, on site at the time of collapse, the cause of failure was due to total release of the SE Inner anchor, resulting from corrosion of the anchor shaft 10-feet below the surface.***



**KFXL-TV FAILED ANCHOR SHAFT**





