

# Police Employee Killed by Falling Ice

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Investigators in Samara have begun an inquiry into the death of a police employee who was killed by falling ice.

Ice from the hood of a service garage on the territory of the Volga region Interior Ministry building fell on a female police employee, dealing a fatal blow, a police news release said.

Authorities are still trying to determine whether or not criminal charges should be filed.

Each year dozens of Russians are killed during the spring thaw as rising temperatures cause icicles and large blocks of ice and snow to fall to the street from tall buildings. After a winter of exceptionally heavy snowfall in 2001, falling ice caused the deaths of 74 people in Moscow alone, BBC reported.

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