

Communication tower blown down by the wind



Overview

At exactly 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, a communications tower on Monument Peak in the Laguna Mountains was blown over during a powerful wind event, captured in real time by a nearby wildfire camera system. The tower, owned by American Tower Corporation (ATC), had been carrying an AT&T. ****NOT FOR BROADCAST**** Contact Brett Adair with Live Storms Media to license. com Winds in excess of 100mph hit the Rapid City area early Thursday morning, with a 101mph report logged just south of town and 90+mph reports in downtown Rapid City and the regional airport. Atop. The 850-foot WDIO-TV tower was toppled as winds gusted to 40 mph, buffeting the heavily ice-covered tower. Telephone and power lines. This 275-foot guyed tower near Beresford, South Dakota, was no match for the straight-line winds exceeding 90 mph that tore through Lincoln County on Monday night. The multi-carrier structure, which supported antennas for AT&T, Verizon, and T-Mobile, collapsed during the powerful storm, severing. The mitigation objective of this Fact Sheet is to improve the resilience of communications towers, masts and antennas that support vital communications functions at critical facilities so they can continue to operate safely. Our video shows the demolition from three different perspectives. The 296 metre tall red and white.



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Rural South Dakota 275-foot SBA Communications

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Communication tower on top of Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine ...

This news article has the most detail of the ones I found: Edit - new link: Wind topples communications tower on Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine

Strong Winds In Maine Destroyed A Communication

Shared on Facebook by Keith Carson, a communications tower sitting atop Sugarloaf Mountain was beaten down by wind gusts that exceeded

Weather Intelligence for Telecoms

Tower operators face many weather-related challenges, including safely conducting repairs and maintenance, ensuring reliable wireless service — particularly for emergency services — and

Optimum Selection of Communication Tower Structures Based on Wind

Therefore, the optimum selection of the tower structure so that it sustains high wind speeds and is economically feasible is crucial. Many researches have proposed different adjustments to tower

Communication tower down on Skyline Drive in Rapid

Communication tower down on Skyline Drive in Rapid City, SD after 80+ mph wind gusts blew through the area last night. Meteorologist David

Fact Sheet 4.4: Communication Towers, Masts and Antennas

In high winds, towers and masts frequently become dislodged from the building or the surface on which they are mounted. Antennas mounted on rooftop towers or masts often use only ballast to hold them

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Atop Skyline Drive (a high point in town), a radio communications tower was toppled by the high winds. Countless business signs, billboards, and trees across the city were bent, snapped,...

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Why do transmission towers fall over? The collapse of the six towers north of Geelong was a result of a thunderstorm system passing over the region,

The problem with the skyscraper wind effect

Anyone who has ever walked near a very tall building in the middle of a city on a windy day will have noticed a strange effect. The wind is often much

Radio tower bent in half due to Monday's high winds

The radio and communications tower on top of Sugarloaf Mountain bent like a pretzel Monday in extremely high winds. "Initial thought was down due to power or some other issue," Communications ...

Did a Rocky Mountain Wind Bring Down the Tower?

The Mountain Mail identified Octagon as the apparent owner and operator of the cell tower hosting the AT&T equipment. Commissioner P.T. Wood jokingly noted that an 80 mph wind in the

NAUEN TOWER BLOWN DOWN.; Great German Wireless Station Is

-The great wireless tower at Nauen, near Berlin, from which it was intended soon to establish direct connection with New York, was blown down to-day by a cyclonic windstorm, which swept across ...

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Enhancing Communication Tower Safety NAVIS

Learn how NAVIS wind anemometers ensure safety on communication towers by providing real-time wind data during maintenance and construction.

Monument Peak Tower Collapse

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Collapse Simulations of Communication Tower Subjected to Wind

Given the premise that a communication tower is a vital infrastructure that may collapse when encountering a wind disaster, this paper focused on investigating the collapse mechanism and...

High Winds At Sugarloaf Destroy Summit Radio Tower

This tower was blown over in a gust of wind earlier today. Sugarloaf doesn't own or operate any of the communication towers on our summit – we

Telecom Towers: Monitoring Wind Speed For Safety

Telecom Towers: Monitoring Wind Speed For Safety and Structural Integrity Telecoms towers are permanently exposed to the weather, often in elevated

Unheard Of: The Catastrophic Collapse of the World's

Susceptible to collapse due to lack of maintenance, an accident while exchanging guy-wires in high winds led the main mast to buckle and then break

WATCH: Dramatic scenes as Midlands landmark is brought crashing

Today it was expertly taken to the ground in a controlled explosion at around 12.15pm. As the video shows, it collapsed almost directly down on itself as the wires that have held it so securely

List of catastrophic collapses of broadcast masts and towers

This is a list of catastrophic collapses of broadcast masts and towers. Masts and towers can collapse as a result of natural disasters, such as storms and fires; from engineering defects; and from accidents,

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