Man trapped in elevator, so is his Rescuer
A man—and then the firefighter who rescued him—were trapped in Loop condo high-rise elevators for some 3½ hours Sunday night. Firefighters were called to the Park Monroe Condominiums, 65 E. Monroe St. near Millennium Park, about 9:15 p.m. to rescue a man who was trapped in a stalled elevator between the 21st and 22nd floor of the 49-story building, said Chief Kevin McGregor, a fire department spokesman. A firefighter went up in another elevator in an adjoining shaft, exited through the ceiling hatch to get to the other elevator’s hatch to transfer the trapped man and bring him down. But after the transfer was made, the second elevator stalled and wouldn’t come down, McGregor said.

Firefighters considered breaking through a brick wall to get into the elevator through the shaft and using ropes to bring the trapped men out, but didn’t have to after an Otis Elevator Co. engineer was able to reset the elevator switch from the roof, put it in "inspection mode" and operate it manually, McGregor said. "We were working late at night in a dark elevator shaft—it was dangerous work," McGregor said. He said firefighters were in communication pretty much the whole time with the trapped building resident, a man in his 20s. The problems with both elevators appeared to be electrical and were being addressed by Otis, McGregor said. No one was injured. © 2014 Chicago Tribune

Lerch Bates to Modernize Elevator System at Historic Chicago Hotel
Lerch Bates, an international consulting firm for vertical transportation, façade access and materials management, has been awarded a contract to modernize the elevator systems in Chicago’s majestic Drake Hotel. Constructed in 1920 and designed by famed architect Benjamin Marshall, The Drake Hotel has a renowned history unmatched by any other hotel property in Chicago. The oldest and largest elevator consulting firm in the world, Lerch Bates has been the international leader in vertical transportation for more than 65 years. The firm relies on its unique expertise in elevator engineering and technology to design and modernize elevator systems all over the world. Lerch Bates will perform elevator equipment surveys, code compliance reviews, ADA compliance consulting, bidding assistance and construction services for the five main guest elevators, originally installed in 1920, and four service elevators at The Drake.

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