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NARRATIVE FOR PATROL STEPHEN B BRAIKOVICH

Ref: 10-7504-OF

Officer Lowenfeld and I were dispatched to the Greenwood Lake Airport on a plane crash. Upon arrival I found a cessna plane, with tail reg. N738QZ, down a 20 to 25 foot embankment at the end of the runway. The plane went through a metal chain link fence, damaging fence and post. A female was walking around at the end of the runway bleeding and disheveled. She advised me that she was in the plane that crashed and that there was a male still in the plane. Officer Lowenfeld made his way down to the plane and found the male with injuries. I spoke with two male witnesses; Ryszard Krolikowski from [REDACTED] West Milford, NJ [REDACTED] and Paul Jordan from [REDACTED] Winchester, TN. 37398 [REDACTED]. They stated that they were by their hanger and viewed the plane touchdown. They both stated they did not hear the engine. They both stated the plane landed too fast and used only the last third of the runway. Both stated they did not see the crash but heard the braking and heard the crash. They both made their way to the crash to assist with the crash. The female stated she was going to do a once around but lost the engine in the air. She stated she made the landing with no engine tried the brake but could not stop. WMFAS and medivac responded removing both to Morristown Hospital. WM Fire companies # 3, 4, and 6 responded and assisted at the scene. FAA responded for further investigation.

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NARRATIVE FOR PATROL JASON LOWENFELD

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20 June 10 , approximately 1603hrs.

Airplane attempts to land at Greenwood Lake Airport , crashes into wooded terrain , occupants sustain injuries.

While on patrol this officer along with Ptl. S. Braikovich responded to the above location for a reported airplane crash with injuries. Upon arrival at the scene it was determined that the crash site was at the far south end of the runway. After exiting the patrol vehicle a female (later learned to be a Ms. Beatrice Verlings) was observed blood covered/lacerated and disheveled standing in the grass area bordering the runway. Ms. Verlings stated that the plane crashed and a male occupant was inside the same. This officer proceeded past a damaged metal link fence and post , down a steep rocky and wooded embankment , a red and white colored small monoplane , tail registration # N738QZ (later learned to be a Cessna) was located. Laying alongside the aircraft was a caucasian male (later learned to be a Mr. Martin C. Kraus) with a large laceration/bleeding to the area of his forehead and complained of pain. Mr. Kraus complained that his right leg was in pain. It appeared that the leg sustained internal/possible fractured bones type injuries. Mr. Kraus informed this officer that he was unable to move on his own accord. This officer requested a reeves type stretcher to remove Mr. Kraus when the first aid squad arrived. Once the first squad arrived Mr. Kraus was placed on the reeves stretcher and was removed from the crash site with the assistance of patrol , firefighters and first aid squad members. Ptl. Braikovich located and interviewed witnesses (refer to his continuation report for results). As Mr. Kraus was being removed from the crash site he stated in a loud manner numerous times "SHIT , BEA , I AM SORRY , BEA HOW IS BEA!" It was later determined that Ms. Verlings was operating the aircraft as a instructor and Mr. Kraus was a student/passenger.

Ms. Verlings was examined by the fist aid squad and was transported to Morristown Memorial Hospital by the W.M.F.A.S. Mr. Kraus was transported to Morristown Memorial Hospital by Atlantic Air 1 medevac services. As the medevac was departing the airfield a small unknown monoplane aircraft attempted to land on the airstrip almost collided with the medevac. This officer instructed Headquarters of the incident and requested that the immediate airspace be closed for safety reasons until further notice. Headquarters advised this officer that the airspace is closed , representatives of the F.A.A. were en route (as previously requested) and upon the request of the N.T.S.B. to deactivate the aircraft emergency warning device (located in the rear of the aircraft. As this officer entered the aircraft numerous amounts of dried blood were observed inside the plane. The warning device was then deactivated. A black colored book/binder was located (secured) adjacent to the aircraft which was the flight log for the same. Ptl. Braikovich also photographed the crash site and surrounding area.

Federal Aviation Administration (F.A.A.) Inspectors Thomas A. Mancuso and Joseph Mora arrived at the scene and assumed the investigation of the incident. Also Aero ops specialist Ronald Harbist of the N.J.D.O.T. arrived on the scene. Malanga's Towing Service was requested to remove the aircraft from the scene , this officer was released as per the F.A.A. A copy of this report was faxed to the F.A.A.

Headquarters advised the following individuals/agencies of the incident.

Mr. Todd Gunther , N.T.S.B.

Det. Kananbrocki , N.J.S.P.