
Narrative

Surprise Police Department
General Narrative

Incident Number:11122540

Narrative:December 10,2011

On the above date I responded to a reported aircraft down in the area of MP 22 and Loop 303 in the desert area near some power lines close to a power sub-station, in the city of Surprise. As I drove north on 163rd avenue I observed a Sheriffs vehicle also responding to the same incident. I spoke to Maricopa County Deputy Simonson #1287. Deputy Simonson advised that he was in communication with the Maricopa County Sheriffs helicopter, Fox 4. Fox 4 directed us to the crash site.

Upon our arrival at approximately 1415 hours, I observed a single engine fixed wing aircraft with tail #N724WD crashed near a tree line with the pilot still inside of the aircraft. The pilot was obviously deceased, with multiple lacerations and [REDACTED]. The pilot was in the up right sitting position with the four point safety harness still secured on him. At that point the FAA and NTSB were notified, via dispatch.

Surprise fire department, Battalion 301 arrived at approximately 1450 hours. The Master switch was observed to be in the "On" position and was switched off at approximately 1440 hours and the Master Buss switch was also found in the "On" position and was likewise switched off at approximately 1415 hours for safety reasons.

The crime scene was photographed and secured to maintain it's integrity at this time. Photographs were downloaded to evidence and attached to this report. The following list of Personal were on scene at approximately 1430 hours.:

Dep.Shari Garner #1006/ Flt Tech for Fox 4
Dep.Rich Dickner #1103/ Pilot for Fox 4
Dep.K.Dever #1585
Dep.J.Monthie #R1170
Dep.J.Anderson #1272
Posse.L.Clingman # P11390

Surprise P.D.:

Ofc H. Heredia #2019 1412 hours
Sergeant S. Reppert #2013 1440 hours
Officer J. Waldek #2144 1440 hours

Surprise Police Detectives were called and responded to the scene. Detective Hale arrived on scene at 1539 at which time the scene was turned over to him for further investigation.

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PERSONAL EFFECTS SUBMITTED INTO EVIDENCE

On December 11, 2011 at approximately 1617 hours I met with Michael Huhn from The National Transportation Safety Board in the Surprise Police lobby. A large red bio-hazard bag containing several personal effects of the victims was turned over and submitted into evidence.

I contacted the case officer, Officer Heredia, who directed me to submit the items into evidence in the sealed bag and he would contact Sandra in Evidence on Wednesday.

Officer T. Calabrese-Kopronica
Sun Dec 11 17:23:55 MST 2011

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Supplemental Report: Maricopa Medical Examiner:

Narrative:

On 12-10-11 at approximately 1400 hours, I responded to the area of 147 Avenue and Jomax, South of in reference to a Plane Crash.

Upon arrival to the area I made contact with Sergeant Hale who advised that one subject in the plane was deceased. Sergeant Hale also advised that he made contact with the Federal Aviation Administration, F.A.A. Inspector Hendrickson who was responding to the scene.

For details of the scene and plane, see Detective Johnson's supplemental report for further information.

The Maricopa County Medical examiners Office was contacted and responded to the scene. Upon arrival I made contact with Investigator Knapp #38 who was provided information on the scene. With the help of the Medical Examiner, Terence Donohoe Arizona Drivers License was located in the Aircraft and a Identification was made at approximately 1820 hours.

The Maricopa County Medical Examiners Office removed Terence from the Aircraft and took disposition of the body at approximately 1940 hours. The body Bag was sealed with tag number 0002039 and the Maricopa County Medical Examiners report number, 11-7421. The scene was turned over to the F.A.A. and the National Transportation Safety Board for further investigation.

Nothing Further:

Detective Lipsky #2068 Mon Dec 12 08:38:32 MST 2011

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Detective Involvement

On 12/10/11 I responded to the crash scene located in the area of 147th avenue and Jomax with Detective Lipski and Detective Seargeant Hale at approximately 1400 hours. Upon arrival I met with Maricopa County Sheriff Deputy, Deputy Simonson #1287 who had arrived on scene with Officer Heredia. According to Simonson, he and Heredia had arrived on scene at approximately 1412 hours.

As he arrived he said he went to the crash site with Fox 4, the County helicopter. Along with the spoilt of Fox 4, Simonson tried to find a pulse on the pilot of the crashed plane, but he was already deceased. I was told Battalion 301 arrived on scene at approximately 1440 hours and officially pronounced the pilot of the crash as deceased.

I took photographs of the overall scene. The photographs were attached to this report. I also took a Global Positioning System "ping" at the location of the crash site due to it being in the middle of the desert. The coordinates were; N33 42.423, W 112 22.204.

The plane was labeled with the tail number of N724WD. The plane also contained a plate similar to that of a Vehicle Identification Number for a vehicle. The plate read:

Model: VANS RV-7A
Serial No: 70742 Empty WT: 1170
Date of MFG: 2006 Gross WT: 1800
Engine: Subaru EJ-25 J.P. 165
Built By
Name: Donohoe Terence E.
Address: [REDACTED]
City & State: Glendale, AZ

Contact was made with the Federal Aviation Administration, F.A.A. and Inspector Hendrickson was responding to the scene. Hendrickson did arrive on scene and began a cursory check of the planes position. It should be noted I do not have knowledge about planes or their engendering. For further the reports from Hendrickson and the NTSB will need to be referenced.

The Maricopa County Medical examiners Office responded to the scene at approximately 1820 hours. Investigator Knapp #38, and T. Dennis #47 are the two who arrived. With the help of the Medical Examiner, Terence Donohoe was identified as the decedent from his Arizona Drivers License which was located in the Airplane.

The Maricopa County Medical Examiners Office removed Terence from the Aircraft and took disposition of the body at approximately 1940 hours. The Medical Examiner's report number is 11-7421. Once the body was removed from the airplane, the scene was turned over to the F.A.A. and the National Transportation Safety Board for further investigation.

Once I left the scene, I went to the address [REDACTED] in Glendale, AZ to make a death notification. Nobody was at the residence. Sergeant Hale was able to make contact with Suzie Donohoe, the decedents wife by telephone. She met us at the Surprise Police Department along with a neighbor. The

notification was made here at the Surprise Police Department. Myself, Sergeant Hale and Chaplin Filler were all present.

This concludes my involvement in this case.

Detective B. Johnson #2129
Thu Dec 15 13:23:15 MST 2011