

Memorandum

To: New Mexico State Police
CC: Sergeant Houston
From: Bryan Cabriaes#1245
Date: 8/28/2014
Re: DASO CFS#2014-08840

On August 27, 2014, at approximately 1900 hours, in Dona Ana County while conducting firearms training at the range for the Dona Ana Sheriffs Offices academy, I, Cadet Bryan Cabriaes, observed a red plane flying from west to east in an abnormally low altitude. It grasp my classmates and instructors attention, while we figured out why the plane was flying in a low altitude. Several of my classmates and Sergeant William along with Deputy Duffy went up the burm and observed the plane make impact with the ground at approximately half a mile away. I, Cadet Bryan Cabriaes, was still at the bottom of the burm when the explosion when off. I immediately ran up the burm and observed the giant mushroom like shape of fire and smoke. All of my fellow classmates, immediately started to sprint toward the plane trying to figure out if anyone was still inside the plane and needed any help. Once my fellow classmates and I arrived at the scene of the plane crash, classmates and I were told from Sergeant Houston to do a 360 sweep of the scene for any individuals that might possibly ejected off the plane. After conducting the sweep, we were told my Sergeant Martin to head back. With that said, nothing further, end of report.

Memorandum

To: New Mexico State Police
CC: Sergeant Houston
From: Cadet Felipe Hernandez 1249
Date: 8/28/2014
Re: DASO CFS#2014-08840

On August 27, 2014 at approximately 1900 hrs I, Cadet Felipe Hernandez #1249, while at the basic academy for the Dona Ana County Sheriff Office while conducting fire arms training at the firing range, I was advised by one of the instructors, Deputy Duffey, to seize fire and holster weapons. I then heard Deputy Duffey and Sgt Williams (Range Master for DASO) talking about a plane that was flying too low. Sgt Williams and Deputy Duffey then started running up the east burm of range #1 at this time I started running up the east burm of the range #1 and I saw black smoke rising to the sky. I proceeded to run south on the burm to the direction of the smoke and could actually see fire and smoke at the impact site.

We then ran as a group to the area where the fire and smoke was coming from and as I arrived at the scene I observed Border Patrol agents and MTD (Motor Transportation Division) officers already on the scene. One of the MTD officers was on the phone. Once the whole cadet group was at the crash site, we were advised by Sgt Houston (DASO academy Sergeant) to start walking west of the crash site to see if we could see if anyone might have jumped out of the plane or anything of interest. After approximately 15 minutes, we were instructed by Deputy Duffey to head back to the crash site due to the fact that we were losing sunlight. Once all the cadets were at the crash site, I was instructed by Sgt Merrill, (range instructor for DASO), to take the cadet class back to the range and wait for further instructions. At this time we all walked back to the range and waited for further instructions. Nothing further end of report.

Memorandum

To: New Mexico State Police
CC: Sergeant Houston
From: Ashley Butler #1231
Date: 8/28/2014
Re: DASO CFS#2014-08840

On August 27, 2014 at approximately 18:45, while at the basic academy for the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office while conducting firearms training at the firing range, I observed a red and white, small airplane flying at a very low altitude. The plane appeared to be flying Southeast, I lost sight of the plane as the range burn was blocking my view. At that time, I heard an explosion take place and witnessed black smoke and flames uprising from beyond the range burn.

At that time, Sergeant Merrill, Cadet Gonzalez, and myself, got into the Ranger and attempted to locate the crash site. I jumped the barbwire fence and began running towards the crash site with Cadet Gonzalez. Upon arrival I witnessed the red and white airplane burning. At that point I began to search the surrounding areas for survivors as ordered by Deputy Duffy. I was not able to locate any persons in the surrounding area. At that time I witnessed several officers present from various agencies such as New Mexico State Police, United States Border Patrol, and New Mexico Motor Transportation. I was ordered by Deputy Duffy to relocate back to firing range one.

I have no further information.
Cadet A. Butler
#1231

Memorandum

To: New Mexico State Police

CC: Sergeant Houston

From: Cadet Grinie #1248

Date: 8/28/2014

Re: DASO CFS#2014-08840

On August 27, 2014 at approximately 1845 hours, while in the basic academy for Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office, while conducting fire arms training at the firing range I observed a red colored small plane flying at a low altitude, which had gotten my attention. The plane was flying west to east, and had descended low very quickly and I lost visual behind the sand burm. I ran up the west side sand burm to see what had happened, and that was when I heard a loud bang followed by a black cloud of smoke. I then reached to the top of the sand burm and observed the plane had crashed and was on fire approximately half a mile behind the range. We then as a class ran making our way to the plane where it had crashed. We were instructed by our academy instructor Sergeant Houston to sweep the area and see if we could find anybody who could have possibly ejected, which was unsuccessful. Deputy Duffy instructed us to meet up by the Ranger by the scene. On scene were New Mexico State Police, Department of Transportation, Border Patrol, American Medical Response, as well as fire departments. We the made our way back to the range to await further instruction.

Nothing further to report at this time.

Cadet Grinie

#1248

Memorandum

To: New Mexico State Police
CC: Sergeant Houston
From: Cadet Troy Clevenger
Date: 8/28/2014
Re: DASO CFS#2014-08840

On August 27, 2014 at the Basic Academy for the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office while conducting firearms training at the firing range. At approximately 1845 hours, I was told to hold fire and holster my weapon because Deputy Duffy observed a small plane flying low in altitude from west to east. I then ran on top of a range berm and observed a crashed airplane engulfed in flames south of the range. I ran towards the crashed airplane with the Academy class. Upon arrival the plane was still engulfed in flames. The academy class was instructed by Sergeant Houston, Jerod to spread out and look for personnel that might have exited the plane before it crashed. I and several cadets started walking west looking for people that may have exited the plane before it crashed. After walking approximately 300 yards west, we were instructed to meet back up at the crash site. The academy class was then instructed to head back to the range. I and the academy class walked back to the range. Nothing further end of report.

Memorandum

To: New Mexico State Police
CC: Sergeant Houston
From: Cadet Ryan Holguin 1244
Date: 8/28/2014
Re: DASO CFS#2014-08840

On August 27, 2014 while in the basic law enforcement academy for the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office while conducting firearms training at the firing range. At approximately 1830 hours I, Cadet Ryan Holguin, observed a small plane red in color flying west to east at an abnormally low altitude which caught my attention. I was curious about the planes altitude so I, along with Cadet Jonathon Almanza, ran up the dirt berm of the firing range and witnessed the plane crash into the ground south of the firing range. The impact immediately caused an explosion and the plane burst into flames. As I witnessed this I immediately ran towards the crash along with my classmates and instructors. Motor Transportation Police and Border Patrol were also running to the scene. Upon arrival to the crash site Sergeant Houston and Deputy Duffy instructed our class to search the area around the crash site to see if anyone ejected from the plane and needed assistance. A short time after Sergeant Martin called off the search and New Mexico State Police took over the scene. Sergeant Martin then instructed all the cadets to return to the firing range.

No further information, end of report.

Memorandum

To: New Mexico State Police
CC: Sergeant Houston
From: Cadet Paola Gonzalez #1240
Date: 8/28/2014
Re: DASO CFS#2014-08840

On August 27, 2014 at approximately 18:45 hours while in the basic academy for Dona Anna Sheriff's office, while conducting fire arm training at the firing range. I cadet Paola Gonzalez observed a plane flying west to east at a low altitude on the desert area. I heard an explosion followed by a heavy dark smoke. I ran up the hill and observed the plane on the ground on fire.

Sergeant Merrill cadet Butler and myself attempted to locate the plane on the ranger, we stopped at the fence which it was closed, cadet Butler and myself ran toward the crash area while sergeant Merrill opened the fence. When we were closer to the plane the rest of the cadets were on the scene. We started looking the surrounded area for survivors according to Deputy Duffy's instructions. We were no able to found any survivors. Others agencies such as New Mexico State Police, Border Patrol and Motor Transportation were on the crash scene, all the cadets proceeded to go back to the range. I have no further information, end of report.

Memorandum

To: New Mexico State Police
CC: Sergeant Houston
From: Cadet Freddy Garcia #1246
Date: 8/27/2014
Re: DASO CFS#2014-08840

On August 27, 2014 at approximately 1830 hours, while in the basic academy for Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office, at the firing range, I observed a red in color small plane flying in lower than normal altitude in the desert area, which got my attention. The plane was flying west to east. The plane appeared to go below the range berm. I then saw smoke and fire coming from that direction. I, along with the other cadets, Deputy Duffy, Sergeant Merle, and Sergeant Houston, ran toward the crash site. Upon arrival, I observed what appeared to be the remains of the airplane on fire. Us cadets then spread out to look for anyone that may have possibly ejected. Shortly thereafter, firefighters, State Police and border patrol arrived, and we were instructed to return to the firing range. Nothing further, end of report.

Memorandum

To: New Mexico State Police
CC: Sergeant Houston
From: NMSU Police Department Cadet Joseph Cortez, U171
Date: 8/28/14
Re: DASO CFS#2014-08840

On August 27th 2014, at approximately 1845 hours while in the basic academy for the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office, while conducting firearms training at the range, I Cadet Cortez, heard someone call to hold our weapons in the holster. I then heard someone yell "plane". As I heard this I started to run with my fellow cadets towards the east berm on range #1. As I reached the top of the berm I observed what appeared to be a plane that crashed and that was engulfed in flames.

I along with my fellow cadets and the firearms instructors ran south towards the crash site. Upon reaching the crash site I observed a red in color plane that was on fire. Myself and my fellow cadets spread out across the general area in an attempt to find anyone who may have been ejected from the plane. Myself and Cadet Cabriales headed east from the crash site. Upon completing a scan of the area we were unable to observe any individuals that needed medical attention. We then rejoined the rest of our fellow cadets by the crash site. During this time other law enforcement agencies, the fire department, and emergency medical services started to arrive. At this time we were given instructions to clear the scene and head back to range # 1, which I complied with.

Nothing further, end of report.

Memorandum

To: New Mexico State Police
CC: Sergeant Houston
From: Cadet Gonzalez #1247
Date: 8/28/2014
Re: DASO CFS#2014-08840

On the evening of August 27, 2014 while in the basic academy for Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office, while conducting firearms training at the firing range at approximately 1830 hours Deputy Duffy instructed us to cease fire and holster up our weapons. I heard a loud explosion. A plane was flying at a low altitude from west to east. Myself and my fellow cadets ran up to burn to see it was on fire. As a group we ran out to the desert to search for any victims. We were instructed to do a police call of the area searching for victims nearby. After conducting our police call; Border Patrol, State Police, AMR, DOT were already on scene. We were then instructed to head back to the range and wait for further instructions. Nothing further, end of report.

Memorandum

To: New Mexico State Police
CC: Sergeant Houston
From: Cadet Jonathon Almanza 1236
Date: 8/28/2014
Re: DASO CFS# 2014-08840

On August 27, 2014, in the basic Academy for Dona Ana County sheriff's office, my class and I were conducting firearms training at the firing range. At approximately 1845 hours, Deputy Duffy noticed a small aircraft flying low and losing altitude very quickly heading southeast of the range. I along with Cadet Holguin then ran up the dirt berm and once on top observed the small aircraft impact the ground. After impact there was a large explosion and the aircraft burst into flames. My class, instructors and I immediately started running towards the aircraft to assist who ever might have been in the aircraft. Once on scene of the crash my class and I started to scan the area to see if any passengers might have ejected from the aircraft. Soon after New Mexico State Police and United States Border Patrol arrived on scene and we were called back by our Instructor Sergeant Merrel. At that time we were instructed to head back to our firing range. Nothing further, end of report.