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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

The purpose of this statement is intended solely for use in determining the facts, conditions and circumstances, and the probable cause of the subject accident.

1. Place of accident Oshkosh WI, Approach 27 RWY Date 7/22/2015 Date 22 July 2015 Hour ~ 7:50am
2. Type of vehicle Piper Malibu
3. Identification of vehicle _____
4. What is your name Benjamin West Age 39
5. Address [REDACTED] Sun Prairie WI 53590
6. Occupation Military Pilot By whom employed WI Air National Guard
7. Where were you at the time of the accident Airport maintenance operations, SE of accident site
8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred.

I work w/ the pyro team (TORA, CAF) and we were getting our supplies ready at the time. I did not see the crash. I heard others in the group say something bad happened and I heard a thump. I looked and saw the smoke, hopped in my truck w/ my cousin (Donny) and we drove to the scene. I recall the left door open and someone climbing out. We started pulling people out of the aircraft and away from the fire. Also noticed the right wing was separated and on fire, but the left wing was attached and on fire on top of wing and below the wing as well. After four people were out (pilot, older man, girl & young man), I heard the pilot saying →

[REDACTED]

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Date July 22, 20151. Place of accident Shiloh approach 27 Date July 22, 2015 Hour around 8:00 am2. Type of vehicle pipex malibu

3. Identification of vehicle _____

4. What is your name Anita Dragoo Age 435. Address _____, Eriz, CO 805166. Occupation accounting By whom employed Vail Resorts7. Where were you at the time of the accident front of maintenance building

8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred.

Plane starting descent for landing normal. —
 As the plane made descent it slowed and tilted
 towards right wing. Did a short hover and quickly
 swung more on right wing and clipped right wing
 and detached. The plane body landed on the co-pilot
 side of the plane on the ground and started on fire.
 Large boom and smoke and plane then ~~fell~~ dropped
 flat on its bottom. Then out of sight.

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- Date 7/22/15
1. Place of accident OSHKOSH APPROACH 27 Date 7/22/15 Hour APPROX 0750
2. Type of vehicle PIPER MALIBU
3. Identification of vehicle _____
4. What is your name DONALD L. DRAGOO Age 43
5. Address [REDACTED] ERIE, CO. 80516
6. Occupation NETWORK ENGINEER By whom employed HEIN & ASSOCIATES
7. Where were you at the time of the accident MAINTENANCE BUILDING
8. Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred.
- I HEARD A LOUD CRASH/EXPLOSION & SAW SMOKE COME OVER THE BUILDINGS MY COUSIN BEN WEST AND I JUMPED INTO HIS VEHICLE AND HEADED FOR THE RUNWAY AFTER CLEARING THE BUILDINGS I SAW THE CRASH... THE RIGHT WING HAD SEPARATED FROM THE PLANE AND WAS ON FIRE. WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE PLANE THE DOOR HAD BEEN OPENED BY THE OCCUPANTS OF THE PLANE AND THEY WERE TRYING TO ESCAPE THE PLANE. MY COUSIN AND I PROCEEDED TO HELP EXTRICATE THE PASSENGERS AND MOVE THEM TO A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE PLANE. AT THIS TIME THE LEFT WING WAS STILL ATTACHED AND WAS ENGULFED IN FLAMES W/ LEAKING FUEL. WE FELT IT WAS BEST TO MOVE THE INJURED TO A SAFE LOCATION IN CASE THE WINGS FUEL TANK EXPLODED. THERE WAS AN OCCUPANT IN THE CO-PILOTS SEAT THAT WAS UNRESPONSIVE AND WE WERE UNABLE TO EXTRICATE HIM. AT THIS POINT WE MOVED AWAY FROM THE PLANE FOR SAFETY AND THE AIRPORT'S FIRST RESPONDERS ARRIVED AND BEGAN THEIR [REDACTED]



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Date 07.22.85

Place of accident OSH

Date 07.22 Hour 0750

Type of vehicle _____

Identification of vehicle _____

What is your name? WILLIAM A. KELLY

Phone: _____

Address _____

ALBUQUERQUE NM

Occupation COMPUTER NERD

Employed by MYSELF

Where were you at the time of the accident? OSH B1

Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

AIRCRAFT ON FINAL IN TIGHT RIGHT TURN TO
ORANGE DOT ON RUNWAY 27

AIRCRAFT FELL STRAIGHT DOWN RIGHT WING

BURST INTO FIRE. FIRE LASTED SHORT TIME.

MOST FIRE OUT BEFORE FIRE EQUIPMENT ARRIVED



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Date 7/22/15
Place of accident Whitman Regional/BW 27 Date 7/22/15 Hour 8:30 AM
Type of vehicle Malibu / Low Wing
Identification of vehicle _____
What is your name? Tyler Bennett
Address [REDACTED] Mill Creek, WA 98012
Occupation Student / Volunteer Employed by — / Civil Air Patrol
Where were you at the time of the accident? Warbirds Gate / Center BW 27 - Grass Taxiway

Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

At about 8:30am I was marshalling warbirds as they came out on to the grass taxiway. I turned around for a brief second and saw a low wing aircraft attempt a short final on the orange dot, and vent right wing first into the 27 runway. The right wing detached and slid about 50 yards away while on flames. There was a wall of fire and pure black smoke coming from the fire. Response team took about 2 min to get out there. 2 people got out and one was stuck. 1 of the 2 people needed help getting out. However there were three on board and the third person need life flight. From what I could tell there was [REDACTED]



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Date 7/22/15
Place of accident 9/27 Runway, Whitman (OSH) Date 7-22-15 Hour ~8P
Type of vehicle Airplane
Identification of vehicle Malibu II (most likely from my view)
What is your name? Zach Marcollesco
Address: [REDACTED] Andale, KS 67001
Occupation Volunteer - CAP - Blue Bird Employed by _____
Where were you at the time of the accident? Warbirds Gate, North Tower-area

Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

I heard someone comment on the plane coming in. I was marshalling a line of about a dozen planes ^{2m} and turned around to watch the plane, possibly a Malibu, bank sharply ^{2m} at the ~~end~~ ^{2m} 27 end of the runway, its nose hit the ground and a fireball shot out from it. From there, I could not see more as we were too far away. I stopped the incoming planes and had them stay put until told otherwise.

[REDACTED]
Signature



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Place of accident WOSH Date 7/22/15
South side runway by Warbirds gate Date 7/22/15 Hour 8:00 am

Type of vehicle Aircraft

Identification of vehicle _____

What is your name? Patrick Geringer Phone: _____

Address _____

Occupation Receiving manager Employed by Festival Foods

Where were you at the time of the accident? along The south side Runway 27 by Warbirds gate

Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

Turning To Base and what looked like a steep turn to make a landing on runway 27. looked like He was trying to turn Final and still was at a steep Bank and was not leveling out. Then it just Hit The ground at an angle by the looks of it and Had a large Fireball on impact. Was listening to 118.500 Frequency and it sounded like They cleared Him to land on the orange Dot. It seemed to take a couple of minutes to Have The emergency crew respond it seemed.

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Place of accident OSH Runway 27 Date 7/22/15 Hour

Type of vehicle Twin engine Malibu

Identification of vehicle Red and white

What is your name? Matthew Mays

Address [REDACTED] Ocala, FL 34474

Occupation Volunteer Employed by CAP Blue Beret

Where were you at the time of the accident? War birds gate/ center of runway 27 in grass

Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

At the time of the incident I was marshalling a T-6 Texan and passed off the aircraft to the next marshaller, while my head was turned I saw the aircraft in a steep bank for the runway and just before the tree line I saw the tail kick over and the left wing hit the ground and break away from the aircraft followed by a fireball which lasted approximately 1 minute. I then stopped all traffic. [REDACTED]



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Date 7/22/15

Place of accident End of runway 27 Date 7/22/15 Hour 7:55 (ish)

Type of vehicle Airplane, malibu

Identification of vehicle white w/ maybe blue stripes

What is your name? Bianca Robles

Address [REDACTED]

Occupation General Laborer Employed by Family (Mother & Father)

Where were you at the time of the accident? North Tower

Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

I was watching the plane go into pattern while trying to see the colors. ~~because~~ Since we are required to write colors down in the tower log). It turned sharply into final and the right wing stalled. The left wing hit the ground first and the whole plane went up into ^{flame} smoke. Later on I grabbed the binoculars and saw 3-4 people run away from the plane. I was told that only the left wing caught fire and that was how the passengers survived the horrifying crash.

[REDACTED]
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Date 7/22/15
Place of accident Runway 27 ~~Wittman Rd~~ Date 7/22/15 Hour 0800
Type of vehicle Airplane
Identification of vehicle Malibu single engine low wing
What is your name? Michael Parks
Address [REDACTED] San Antonio, TX 78253
Occupation _____ Employed by _____
Where were you at the time of the accident? North Tower of Airport Flight Line Ops
Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

I had been watching the plane through the pattern to check for color and tail number to write down in the log. I had been using the binoculars during the accident. The plane had turned shorter on downwind than other aircraft had been, the plane continued the turn then suddenly steepened the bank angle and dropped with the wing hitting first, falling off, and the remaining had then hit. soon after, the door opened and people started coming out

— [REDACTED]



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Date 07/22/15

Place of accident Wilton Regional Airport

Date 07/22/15 Hour 7:57 (ish)

Type of vehicle Plane

Identification of vehicle _____

What is your name? Matthew Schickel

Address _____

West Chester, PA, 19382

Occupation _____

Employed by _____

Where were you at the time of the accident? North Tower

Tell in your own words what you saw or heard before and at the time the accident occurred:

Watching the aircraft since down wind leg. Watched it turn onto base. When they turned onto final it looked too steep. The right wing hit the ground and broke off and caught fire. There was a huge fire ball with lots of smoke and the plane hit the ground and slid. 2 or 3 people got out of the aircraft. One tried to go back but was held back. Fire trucks came, then ambulances, then an air ambulance.

