



Lake Station Police Department

Police Report for Incident 17LS00140

Nature: FIRE ARFF 3

Address: [REDACTED] ;HOBART

AIRPORT

Location: HO-R1

HOBART IN 46342

Offense Codes:

Received By: VOSS M

How Received: T

Agency: LSPD

Responding Officers:

Responsible Officers: GARZA M

Disposition: ACT **/**/**

When Reported: 13:05:14 01/06/17

Occurred Between: 13:04:49 01/06/17 and 13:04:49 01/06/17

Assigned To:

Detail:

Date Assigned: **/**/**

Status:

Status Date: **/**/**

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race: **Sex:**

Phone:

City: ,

Alert Codes:

VPP Gun Permit Issued

Offense Codes

Reported:

Observed: FIRE Fire

Circumstances

LT01 Air/Bus/Train Terminal

Responding Officers:

Unit :

GARZA M

LS97

OLIVER P

HO79

WEBBER M

HO89

KISSEE BRA

HO122

WHITE M

HO102

VIATOR GR

LS104

WILLIAMS BR

LS67

RICHARDSON JA

NC214

PERRY B

NC232

LAMPRECHT J

LS85

GAGLIARDI K	HO56
DOVER D	LS96
JOHNSON DA	LS84

Responsible Officer: GARZA M**Received By:** VOSS M**How Received:** T Telephone**When Reported:** 13:05:14 01/06/17**Judicial Status:****Misc Entry:****Agency:** LSPD**Last Radio Log:** 16:32:09 01/06/17 CMPLT**Clearance:** RTF Report To Follow**Disposition:** ACT **Date:** **/**/****Occurred between:** 13:04:49 01/06/17**and:** 13:04:49 01/06/17**Modus Operandi:****Description :****Method :****Involvements**

Date	Type	Description	
01/06/17	Name	DINWIDDIE, RODNEY C	Pilot
01/06/17	Name	NIEMEYER, DONALD CHARLES	Witness
01/06/17	Name	NIEMEYER, DONALD CHARLES	Witness
01/08/17	Vehicle	WHI WHI 0 CESN	Aircraft
01/06/17	Cad Call	13:05:14 01/06/17 FIRE ARFF 3	Initiating Call

Narrative

Lake Station Police Department

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911 call in reference to a plane crash that occurred at Neimeyer Airport. Officers arrived on scene with EMS and Fire Personnel at which time the pilot of the plane was safely removed from the crashed plane without incident. Report to follow.

Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date

Supplement

Lake Station Police Department

Narrative

Case Number: 16LS00140

Date: 01-06-2017

Time: 1:05PM

Type of Offense: PLANE CRASH

Incident Location: [REDACTED] HOBART, IN 46342

Complainant: DONALD NIEMEYER

Address: [REDACTED] HOBART, IN 46342

Telephone/Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Victim: RODNEY DINWIDDIE

Address: [REDACTED] GARY, IN 46404

Telephone/Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Reporting Officer: M. GARZA [REDACTED]

On January 6th, 2017 at approximately 1:04PM Lt. Lamprecht [REDACTED], Chief Johnson [REDACTED], Sgt. Dover [REDACTED], Ofc. Viator [REDACTED] and I (Ofc. Garza [REDACTED]) responded to reports of a possible airplane crash that occurred at the Niemeyer Airport located at [REDACTED] in Hobart, IN. Once on scene we observed the plane wreckage in a heavily wooded lot located south of the airport runway. The planes fuselage (N80374) was facing west and the tail was pointed in the air facing east. While on scene Hobart EMS and Fire Personnel were able to get the trapped pilot out from the airplane and away from the wreckage without incident. At that time I spoke to the pilot who was being treated in a nearby Hobart ambulance.

The pilot, Rodney Dinwiddie had minor injuries and was very shaken up and covered in fuel from the wreck which was leaking on him while he was trapped in the airplane. When asked about what had caused the wreck Rodney stated that he does not recall much from the incident. He stated that he was approaching the runway from the north to complete a safe landing and when his landing gear made contact with the runway the plane had "skipped" and overshot the runway. Rodney stated that the last thing he remembers after the plane "skipped" off of the runway was waking up in the plane wreckage to the smell of fuel and the sight of emergency personnel. After speaking to Rodney he was transported to St. Mary's Hospital located in Hobart, IN for medical treatment.

While on scene I made contact with the airport owner Donald Niemeyer who had witnessed the plane crash. Donald stated that on todays date

at

approximately 1:00PM he was walking from his home (located on the airport property) to a hanger when he saw Rodney's plane approaching from the north. Donald stated that he noticed the plane was traveling at a high rate of speed at which time he kept his eyes on the plane. Donald stated that as Rodney's plane attempted to "touch down" the plane had "skipped" off of the runway where it then crashed into a large wooded area just south of the end of the runway. Donald stated that he then called 911 for help. Donald stated that Police, Fire and EMS Personnel then arrived on scene shortly after.

After speaking to Donald, Chief Johnson and Lt. Lamprecht began to let Central dispatch know what emergency contacts needed to be made in reference to the plane crash. The FAA was notified and was in contact with Chief Johnson who was being given information on what to do with the wreckage scene while the FAA assembled a crash team to send out for an investigation. Nothing further at time of report.

Report compiled by: Officer M. Garza [REDACTED]

Vehicles

Vehicle Number:**17V001192****License Plate:** N80374**State:****Vehicle Year:** 0**Make:** CESN**Color:** WHI / WHI**Vehicle Type:** AERO Aircraft**License Type:****Expires:** **/**/****VIN:****Model:****Doors:** 0**Value:** \$0.00**Owner:****Last:****First:****Mid:****DOB:** **/**/****Dr Lic:****Address:****Race:****Sex:****Phone:****City:** ,**Agency:** LSPD Lake Station Police Department**Date Recov/Rcvd:** **/**/****Officer:** GARZA M**Area:** LKSTA Lake
Station**UCR Status:****Wrecker Service:****Local Status:****Storage Location:****Status Date:** **/**/****Release Date:** **/**/****Comments:**

Name Involvements:

Witness : [REDACTED]

Last: NIEMEYER

First: DONALD

Mid: CHARLES

DOB: [REDACTED]

Dr Lic: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Race: W Sex: M

Phone: [REDACTED]

City: HOBART, IN 46342

Pilot : [REDACTED]

Last: DINWIDDIE

First: RODNEY

Mid: C

DOB: [REDACTED]

Dr Lic:

Address: [REDACTED]

Race: B Sex: M

Phone: [REDACTED]

City: GARY, IN 46404