

On July 9, 2020, at approximately 0745 hours I was driving east on 109th St NE from the city of Neche, ND toward Pembina, ND. As I approached the intersection of 109th St NE and 151st Ave NE I observed a crop duster airplane above a field about a mile in front of my location making passes from north to south around a mile east of my position so I decided to travel a mile south before continuing east on 108th St NE. Shortly after crossing the intersection of 108th St NE and 152 Ave NE at approximately 0805 hours I noticed a large ball of fire rising from a field about a mile and a half north of my position. I decided to drive to the area to investigate and when I arrived I saw the remains of an aircraft on fire in the middle of a canola field. At 0810 hours I notified Grand Forks Sector Communications of the crash location and requested EMS and fire response. I then grabbed my medical bag and crossed the field to stage at the west side of the scene to remain upwind of the fire. At that point I saw a single person leaning against the burning fuselage of the aircraft and ran to assist him. I moved the subject a safe distance upwind of the fire and at 0817 hours I advised Grand Forks sector Communications of the fact that there was one victim of the crash and gave a quick update of his condition. I then began to bandage large lacerations to the subjects' forehead, left knee and lower left leg. Shortly after that time BPA C. Steenerson arrived on scene as the victim began to complain of difficulty breathing. After requesting an update for EMS response and being advised that Paramedics were 20 minutes away I made the decision to carry the subject toward the road using an emergency litter I had in my supplies. As we walked toward the road Supervisory Border Patrol Agent E. Gubbels as well as a local citizen arrived to assist. At 0845 hours I transferred the victim to the ambulance service for transport to Pembina County Memorial hospital in Cavalier, ND.

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