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POLICE REPORT

REPORTED DATE: 11/15/2024

REPORTED TIME: 17:39

Statute/Ordinance: N/A

MOC: 9524

Public Accidents/Airplane Accidents

Occurrence Start Date: 11/15/2024

Time: 17:39

Officer: ELIAS, BRANDON

Status:

Offense Level: Not Apply

Address:

Location:

Township: Fayal Twp Patrol Area: Grid:

Assisting Agencies:

Companion Cases:

GIL Gilbert Police Department
STA MN State Patrol
EVE Eveleth Police Department
SO St. Louis County Sheriff's Office

===== PARTY INVOLVEMENT =====

Victim: KOEPKE, STEVEN ALLAN

DOB

Race: W

Sex: M

Address: EVELETH, MN, 55734

Location:

Phone:

PSN: 1

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===== NARRATIVE =====

Report# 1

Eveleth Police Department

Main

Reported Date: 11/15/2024 Time: 17:39 Case No.: 24169480

Code: N/A Crime: Public Accidents/Airplane Accidents

Class: 9524 Occurrence Date:

Location:

===== NARRATIVE =====

Officers responded to a report of an airplane crash at the Eveleth Airport. Officers and emergency services responded from several jurisdictions in an attempt to locate and render aid to Koepke as it was reported he was trapped and in a swamp. The vehicle was described as an aerolite plane. Entry points to the swamp area were looked for from several roadways while DNR and Gilbert Officer Zupancic attempted to locate the crash site via GPS coordinates. Koepke was eventually located and freed from the wreckage. Koepke was eventually extracted from the swamp area using St Louis County Rescue Squad Sherpa units. Koepke was brought to the hospital via ambulance.

Sgt. Brandon Elias

Report# :1

Officer:

Date: 11/16/2024

Typed by:

Date: 11/16/2024

Time: 16:02

Approved by:

Date:

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POLICE REPORT - Supplemental

REPORTED DATE: 11/15/2024

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Report# 2

Eveleth Police Department

Main

Reported Date: 11/15/2024 Time: 17:39 Case No.: 24169480

Code: Crime:

Location: 47°26'02.97"N Eveleth MN 55734

===== NARRATIVE =====

On November 15, 2024 at approximately 1740 hours, I, Deputy Roskoski, responded to a report of a plane crash near the Eveleth Airport, described as roughly 1/2 mile from the end of the runway.

Dispatch received a call from the reporting party, who was the ultralight aircraft operator, STEVEN ALLAN KOEPKE, DOB [REDACTED] KOEPKE said he was pinned in the wreckage, which was sinking in the swamp, as he had been there for roughly an hour attempting to gain access to his cellphone. KOEPKE was reported to be the only occupant, with his seatbelt wrapped around his torso, causing difficulty breathing, feeling as if he was going to lose consciousness.

Resources began responding, which included the St Louis County Rescue Squad, where I joined with a recovery team in a SHERP, which headed into the swampy area of the crash site. Conservation Officers with the MN DNR, along with Officer Zupancic of Gilbert PD arrived prior, and began hiking in on foot, who ultimately were able to locate the crash site and began providing care to KOEPKE, getting him out of the wreckage. As we traveled into the swamp, I communicated with Officer Zupancic obtaining patient updates and progress as we made the way, which I passed onto members of Virginia Fire Ambulance Crew, and SLC Rescue members in the SHERP with me.

We successfully arrived at the crash site in the SHERP, where I assisted with patient care and assisted with loading KOEPKE into a SHERP to obtain further medical treatment and warm up, due to his potentially hypothermic state.

Once KOEPKE was loaded in one SHERP, which was outfitted with medical personnel, I jumped in the second SHERP on site with other responders, who returned back to staging. After an incident debrief, I cleared the call.

Deputy Jacob Roskoski [REDACTED]

Report# :2

Officer:

Date: 11/18/2024

Typed by:

Date: 11/18/2024

Time:14:21

Approved by:

Date: 11/18/2024

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