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At approx 2:45pm on Sunday 7/27/14 a plane made an announcement on Unicom – something to the effect of –emergency can't make the airport. I called him back and said – aircraft declaring an emergency at Venice say your "N" number. He did not answer. I said it a 2nd time and he said N8826C. I asked him for his location. No answer. I called 911 and gave the operation a brief description and told her to hold on. I also told Jon Powers (lineman) as I was dialing 911 that there was an aircraft declaring an emergency. I call aircraft on Unicom again and asked for his location and how many on board. No answer. Another aircraft departing the airport asked if he could assist. I said yes for him to let me know the location of the plane. I was updating the 911 operator as this was happening. A helicopter in the area asked if he could assist. I said yes. Then the original assist aircraft told me the location of the aircraft that declared an emergency. He said 1 mile south of the airport on the beach. I gave the location to the 911 operator. I gave her the registration number. She asked the type of ac. I look it up on FAA registry and told her the type listed – Piper -28-181. I think that I told her it was a low wing – single engine. I may have told her it was an Archer or Warrior with 4 seats. She asked me several questions which I could not answer – i.e. how many on board, fuel on board, and something else – like was there any hazardous material on board – those question I told her that I did not know. She asked for more detail on the location. I told her that she should be getting 911 calls from the beach now with a better location description. She asked where I was and I told her I was at Suncoast Air Center at the Venice Airport and I was operating the Unicom.

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