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N828BB / DA-20 ACCIDENT

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CONTROLLER STATEMENT

- ROY McCLAIN (in Local Control)
- RWY 10 IN USE.

- N828BB, A TRAINING FLIGHT, WAS IN THE PATTERN DURING TOUCH & GO'S. ON THE SECOND APPROACH, JUST BEFORE TOUCHING DOWN, N828BB TILTED TO THE LEFT AND IT APPEARED THAT HIS LEFT WING TIP HIT THE RUNWAY BEFORE HIS WHEELS DID. THE PLANE CONTINUED, BOUNCING APPROXIMATELY 4 OR 5 TIMES BEFORE ULTIMATELY BANKING HARD TO THE LEFT (North side of RWY) AND CRASHING INTO THE TREES. CRASH HAPPENED AT 1532Z.
- CRASH PHONE WAS RUNG BY AO (Thayer) AND RESPONSE TEAM WAS OUT IN ABOUT 3 MINUTES I BELIEVE. RUNWAY OPERATIONS WERE SUSPENDED AND THE RESPONSE TEAM HEADED TO THE NORTH SIDE OF RWY 10 BY THE "Q" BOARD WHERE WE WITNESSED THE PLANE ENTER THE TREES. WITH THE HELP OF ANOTHER A/C, N404SF, THEY WERE ABLE TO LOCATE THE PLANE AT 1544Z.
- WE KEPT THE RUNWAY SUSPENDED UNTIL 1624Z BECAUSE OF ALL THE VEHICLE ACTIVITY RESPONDING TO THE ACCIDENT. AFTER FOLLOW-UP INSPECTED THE RUNWAY WE RESUMED OPERATIONS (1620Z).