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**Subject:** ERA23LA229

**Contact:** Chris Ferraraccio, AMF Aviation, Springfield TN

Mr. Ferraraccio telephoned me. He stated that on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, a recovery crew from the AMF Westfield, MA office was on-site to recover the wreckage back to that facility. While attempting to remove the wings, fuel ignited, and subsequent fire consumed a majority of the wreckage.

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**Contact:** Jacky Lo, Albany, NY

Mr. Lo was interviewed via telephone. I asked Mr. Lo to be more specific about the injuries. He stated that he suffered a concussion and fractures of his lower back and ribs. William Yetto suffered a fractured ankle. Thomas Kieper had minor bruising and no fractures.

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**Contact:** Sean Mullis, FAA FSDO, Albany, NY

Mr. Mullis was interviewed via telephone. He examined the wreckage at the accident site on Friday, May 12. He noted substantial damage to the left wing and fuselage, and that the flaps were in the retracted position. Mr. Mullis did not observe any preimpact mechanical malfunctions.

Mr. Mullis subsequently interviewed the front right seat passenger, who reported that he weighed 285 lbs. and the rear seat passenger weighed 250 lbs. According to the pilot's medical certificate, he weighed 205 lbs.