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Aircraft Accident Package

25-002-PNS

N6542H, C172

December 7, 2025, 2344 UTC

Destroy: December 7, 2030 UTC



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
**REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT**  
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2300 PNS Ground Control (GC) issued an Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) clearance to N6542H. N6542H acknowledged. N6542H advised GC he needed time to burn off some fuel.

2301 GC acknowledged.

2317 N6542H called GC for a taxi clearance. GC issued N6542H taxi instructions. N6542H acknowledged. GC reissued the taxi instructions.

2318 N6542H acknowledged.

2319 N6542H asked GC for clarification of the taxi instructions. GC issued new taxi instructions to N6542H. N6542H acknowledged.

2320 GC offered a progressive taxi to N6542H. N6542H acknowledged. GC turned N6542H. N6542H acknowledged the turn.

2321 GC issued more taxi instructions to N6542H. N6542H acknowledged.

2322 N6542H notified GC holding short of Taxiway Alpha. GC reissued the final taxi instructions. N6542H acknowledged.

2324 N6542H called the PNS Local Control (LC) ready for departure. LC acknowledged and instructed N6542H to hold short due to wake turbulence. N6542H acknowledged.

2325 LC called Pensacola TRACON (P31) East Radar (E-AR) to discuss the aircraft's departure direction. LC issued departure instructions and winds to N6542H and cleared the aircraft for takeoff. N6542H acknowledged.

2328 LC and P31 Operational Supervisor (OSIC) discussed an Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT). LC stated he thought it was N6542H. LC called N6542H three times in the blind with no response.

2329 LC called E-AR and stopped all airport operations. LC called N6542H with no response.

2332 PNS Controller In Charge (OS/CIC) called E-AR and discussed the downed aircraft, status of the occupants and the airport closure.

2333 LC called P31 OSIC and notified them that the airport was closed.

2337 PNS Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Engine 3 (ENG3) called LC for clearance to move on the airport grounds. LC cleared ENG3 to move. ENG3 acknowledged.

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2339 OS/CIC notified the Regional Operations Center (ROC).

2340 ROC and OS/CIC discussed the event and rescue services.

2344 OS/CIC notified the Domestic Events Network (DEN).

2345 DEN and OS/CIC discussed airport operations and other details of the accident.

2348 OS/CIC called the ROC to discuss the Mandatory Occurrence Report (MOR) and more details of the event.

2351 PNS ARFF Battalion 1 (BAT1) called LC. LC cleared BAT1 to move to the accident site. LC asked BAT1 to check on the ELT transmissions. OS/CIC called the P31 OS to open the runway and discuss the accident.

2355 OS/CIC notified the Joint Air Traffic Operations Command (JATOC) Safety Event Network (JSEN). OS/CIC advised JSEN that rescue services were at the scene. OS/CIC discussed the event with an unknow person while on hold with JSEN.

2359 LC called P31 East Radar Hand Off (E-AD) and coordinated the airport operations update. PNS Air Traffic Manager (ATM) called the OS/CIC and discussed the event, the airport operations and the Form 8020-9.

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0006 JSEN called the OS/CIC and discussed the event and airport operations.

0007 OS/CIC issued updates to the DEN.

0009 PNS ATM called the OS/CIC and asked about the injury status of the aircraft occupants.

0018 P31 OS called the OS/CIC and discussed the weather at the time of the event.

0037 ATM called the OS/CIC to discuss the event response.

0051 OS/CIC called Airport Ops to discuss airport operations, the updated accident details and terminating the alert.

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2326 Pensacola Local Control (LC) called P31 East Radar (E-AR) to coordinate route of departure for N6542H.

2329 LC called E-AR and stopped all operations.

2330 LC notified E-AR that the airport was closed due to an accident inside the airport perimeter. E-AR acknowledged.

2331 P31 Operations Supervisor (OSIC) called LC to discuss an Emergency Locator Transmitter. LC stated he thought it was N6542H.

2333 LC notified OSIC the airport was closed.

2334 OSIC and P31 East Radar Handoff (E-AD) called surrounding approach controls to notify them the airport was closed.

2353 E-AD called surrounding approach controls to advise airport open.

2359 LC called E-AD to discuss airport operations. E-AD acknowledged.

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