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Airplane Crashes at Private Airstrip

October 5, 2017 – Small aircraft crashes sending two men to the hospital.

On Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 2:29 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the Twin Oaks Airpark concerning a reported plane crash.

When Sheriff's deputies arrived, they found a 1963 Piper 250 Comanche single engine aircraft severely damaged on the runway. It was reported 39 year-old John Gorman was the pilot receiving additional training for an advanced certification. The flight instructor was 68 year-old Ronald Magnus.

Sheriff's Deputies determined Mr. Gorman was landing the aircraft and was unable to maintain enough air speed to land on the paved runway. The aircraft came up short and collided with the ground at the leading edge of the runway. Two of the three landing gears were torn from the aircraft catapulting it upward, causing it to fall onto the runway. The aircraft fuselage was twisted and the wings and tail section were badly damaged.

Both men were treated by TVF&R rescue personnel and transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The FAA responded to the scene to complete their investigation.

