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Media Release

Update: Additional Information Regarding Yesterday's Plane Crash

April 27, 2018 – Additional information is being released regarding yesterday's plane crash outside of Hillsboro that injured two people.

Both occupants were taken to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center as trauma entry patients.

The pilot, 88-year-old Gennaro Avolio of Hood River, OR, was transported by Life Flight helicopter. He is listed in serious condition.

The passenger, 73-year-old Gary Hagstrom of Canby, OR, was transported by Metro West Ambulance. He is listed in critical condition.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are continuing their investigation.

The patients and their families do not wish to speak with the media and are asking for privacy at this time.

The original media release is below.

Two Men Seriously Injured After Plane Crashes Outside Hillsboro

April 26, 2018 – Two men were seriously injured after their plane crashed into an orchard outside of Hillsboro. The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating.

On April 26, 2018, at 4:18 p.m., Washington County dispatch received information from the Hillsboro Airport regarding an approaching aircraft experiencing engine trouble. At 4:20 p.m., dispatch received reports of a plane crash in the 1000 block of Southwest 331st Avenue outside of Hillsboro.

Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies, along with deputies serving the City of Cornelius, responded and located a single-engine Yakovlev Yak-52 aircraft that had crashed into an orchard. Deputies climbed onto the aircraft and rendered first aid to two male occupants until emergency medical personnel arrived.



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Hillsboro Fire & Rescue, Forest Grove Fire & Rescue, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue responded, stabilized the plane, and extracted the occupants, ages 73 and 88, from the aircraft. One patient was transported by Life Flight helicopter and the second by Metro West Ambulance to local hospitals. They are listed in serious condition.

There were no injuries or property damage on the ground.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) were notified and are investigating.