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Aircraft Down on Roman Road East Port Angeles

On Saturday, July 29, 2023, just before 11:20 PM, Clallam County Fire District 3 units were dispatched to a reported aircraft down on Roman Road & Shore Road. A neighbor of 73 Roman Road reported hearing a “whoosh” over his residence, dialed 9-1-1 stating that there was, “something laying in the roadway, concerned it may be an airplane upside down.” A fire engine from the Carlsborg station responded immediately and was on scene at 11:28 PM, radioing that the accident was as reported, and that two individuals inside the upside-down plane were both alert and talking to neighbors who came to help. Additional resources arrived minutes later as they were responding from multiple previous emergencies in the Sequim area.

The pilot stated that the 1964 Piper was coming from Bellingham to Sequim Valley Airport when he ran out of fuel. Firefighters stabilized the aircraft, as it was lying on its left side, and extricated two individuals into awaiting ambulances. Both patients were transported to Olympic Memorial Hospital in Port Angeles with non-life-threatening injuries.

Firefighters, providing fire suppression protection, shut off the fuel supply, turned off battery switches, and isolated the emergency location transmitter (ELT). There was no fire during the incident. Clallam County Sheriff’s Deputies and the Washington State Patrol contacted the FAA and secured the aircraft for further investigation.

There were no injuries to the local property owners, structures, or any of the 9 firefighters and command staff that were on scene. Overall, 1 Fire Engine, 1 Rescue, a Command Vehicle, 2 Medic Units, an Olympic Ambulance, and 3 volunteer firefighters responded to the call. They were assisted by two units from the Clallam County Sheriff’s Office and one from the WSP.

Currently, the cause of the crash is under investigation by Clallam County Sheriff’s Office.

Questions may be directed to Battalion Chief, Chris Turner at (360) 683-4242. Ext. 132.

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