



NEWS RELEASE

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Fatal Float Plane Crash

Two people died shortly before noon Saturday when their float plane apparently broke-up in mid-air and crashed into the Willamette River about 200-yards above the Willamette Falls. Multiple witnesses indicated the two-passenger, single-engine plane was taking off from the river toward the falls, rose to about 75-feet, wobbled in the air, and then began a steep turn to the left. Witnesses then said the left wing of the plane separated and the aircraft plunged into the river on the West Linn side coming to rest against the bank.

Rescuers from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R), Clackamas County Sheriff, Clackamas County Fire District One, Lake Oswego Fire & Rescue and West Linn Police responded to the incident that occurred at 11:48 a.m. The first arriving officers indicated the aircraft was nose-down, partially submerged on its top, with the tail resting in trees on the bank. TVF&R water rescue paramedics confirmed that both adult-males on-board were deceased. Clackamas County Sheriff Marine Deputies secured the scene to await the arrival of Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board investigators. The deceased remains could not be recovered until the aircraft is moved and federal investigators require the completion of their preliminary examination of the wreckage before it is moved. Recovery operations are expected to begin late this afternoon. The aircraft is being secured with the assistance of work boats from Baseline Industrial, a construction company working on the nearby Willamette Falls Dam.

News Release from: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

ONE IDENTIFIED IN FLOAT PLANE CRASH

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Clackamas County Medical Examiner's Office has released the name of one of the two people killed today in a float plane crash on the Willamette River. He is 80-year old David Howard Wiley of Lake Oswego.

The other person aboard the two-seat plane has been identified; however authorities are continuing their efforts to locate the second man's family for notification.

The aircraft was identified as a 1941 Taylorcraft floatplane with a tail number of N13060.

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BODIES RECOVERED FROM FLOAT PLANE CRASH

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The bodies of both occupants of today's float plane crash on the Willamette River were recovered by Clackamas County Sheriff Marine Deputies and turned over to the Clackamas County Medical Examiner. The remains of 80-year old David Howard Wiley of Lake Oswego and another occupant of the 1941 Taylorcraft float plane were pulled from the wreckage about 5:30 pm today after investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration had completed their preliminary examination of the wreckage. The identity of the second aviator is being withheld until out-of-state family members can be notified.

The FAA is in charge of the investigation into the cause of the crash. Clackamas County Sheriff Deputies said the plan was to hoist the plane onto a barge and move it a short distance up the river to a trailer where investigators can more closely examine the wreckage.

Several witnesses of the 11:48 am crash indicated the aircraft took off from the river above the Willamette Falls and turned sharply. The witnesses said one of the wings separated from the aircraft and the plane plunged into the river upside down against some trees on the West Linn side. -0-

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