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(Pilot Safely Lands Small Plane in Clackamas County Field When Engine Fails)

Around 10:30am this morning, firefighters stationed at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's Mountain Road fire station in the Stafford area spotted a small plane descending with smoke coming from its engine. Though the plane disappeared from the firefighters' view, they headed to the field where they expected it would land. When firefighters arrived, they found the plane safely resting in a field in the 24000 block of Newland Road (between Wilsonville and West Linn in Clackamas County).

Pilot Tim Farley was out of the plane unharmed. Farley had recently taken off from an airport in Oregon City and was headed to McMinnville when he started having engine trouble with his Cessna 150. A rod from the plane's engine had blown and the plane began to lose power. Farley, an experienced pilot, began to look for a safe landing site. "I've been flying for over thirty years", said Farley as he waited for a trailer to retrieve his downed plane. "I never lost my calm. I just knew that I needed to find a safe place before I completely lost power. I was surprised to see the firefighters so soon after I had landed." According to Farley's web site, he uses his plane to get around the Pacific Northwest. .

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Cassandra Ulven from TVF&R states, "This could have been much worse. Had Mr. Farley experienced engine trouble over a more populated area, it may have been difficult for him to land without hitting a building. Even the field where he landed was recently full of trees which were cleared just days earlier."

(See pictures below.)





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