



Town of Mansfield
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On 02/23/19 at approximately 12:30 pm, the Mansfield Police Department Communications Center received multiple 911 calls reporting an aircraft accident at the Mansfield Municipal Airport. Upon arrival of responding units, an aircraft was located nose-first into the ground at runway 4, the turf landing strip located on the north side of the airport adjacent to Fruit Street. The investigation is being conducted by the Mansfield Police Detective Division assisted by members of Bristol County State Police Detectives Unit and investigators from NTSB and the FAA.

Initial investigation revealed that a 2002 single engine Cessna 172S aircraft was flying in the area having left the Norwood Airport at approximately 11:26 am. At approximately 12:30 pm, a radio transmission from the aircraft indicated a missed approach as the aircraft maneuvered away from Mansfield Runway 32. Moments later, the Cessna flew past the Municipal Airport Administration Building and crashed into the turf landing area. On board the aircraft were an instructor pilot and his student who were both killed upon impact. The pilot was identified as 31 year old Sydney Miti of Waltham, MA. The student was identified as 18 year old Julian Lattermann of Dover, MA. The aircraft was owned and operated by Horizon Aviation of Norwood, MA.

Mansfield Fire Department, assisted by members of the Norton Fire Department and Chief Kelleher of the Foxboro Fire Department, maintained a safe scene spraying foam on the plane and area to mitigate the dangers of leaking fuel while the victims were extricated from the wreckage. The scene was cleared at approximately 6:00 pm. The aircraft was removed and turned over to investigators from the FAA and NTSB.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families during this tragic time.