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Sheriff's Office Investigating Fatal Plane Crash on US Route 42

On Sunday, March 17, 2019 at approximately 5:42 pm, the Union County Sheriff's Office received multiple 9-1-1 calls reporting a plane crash on US Route 42, between Harriott Road and Bell Road. Deputies and units from the Jerome Township Fire Department responded to the scene and found the crash site stretching approximately four to five hundred yards. The preliminary investigation has revealed the plane crashed in a farm field on the west side of US Route 42 and then continued across US Route 42 striking several utility poles and coming to rest in a farm field on the east side of US Route 42. The plane broke apart in several hundred pieces. The plane has been identified as a twin engine Cessna 421. One fatality has been confirmed, but the identity of the person is not yet known. Representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration are on the scene. The weather at the time of the crash was light snow and overcast skies. US Route 42 is closed at US Route 33 in Union County and State Route 257 in Delaware County. Traffic is being diverted around the crash site and the roadway will remain closed for several more hours. Power outages occurred as a result of the crash affecting the Village of Plain City and crews from Ohio Edison are on scene working to restore power.

Other agencies assisting at the scene include the Union County Emergency Management Agency, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and the Ohio Department of Transportation. The crash is being investigated by the Multi County Crash Investigation Team, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the National Transportation Safety Board. An updated media release will be sent when more information has been confirmed.

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Crash Scene Photos:

