

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Airplane Crash on Clymer Road

On October 14, 2026, at approximately 9:59 a.m., the Union County Sheriff's Office 911 Communications Center received a report of an airplane crash at the Union County Airport, located at 760 Clymer Road in Marysville, Ohio. The caller reported that a small green airplane had crashed into a wooded area.

Deputies from the Union County Sheriff's Office, officers from the Marysville Police Department, and personnel from the Marysville Division of Fire responded to the scene. Upon arrival, first responders located a green 2018 Zenith 750 aircraft in a wooded area on airport property. The aircraft's tail was elevated in the air, while the cockpit rested on the ground against a tree.

The pilot, Bruce Atherton of Marysville, sustained minor injuries in the crash. He was transported to Union County Memorial Hospital for treatment.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the aircraft was taking off westbound on the runway 27. Shortly after becoming airborne, the aircraft made a sharp right turn and flew over the taxiway before striking the ground and a small tree. The specific cause for the sharp right turn is still under investigation.

The crash remains under investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and were assisted at the scene by the Marysville Police and Fire Departments.



