

Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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Subject: Plane Crash, Murray Field

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On March 19th, 2020 at 11:14AM, Humboldt Bay Fire was dispatched to report of a plane crash in the area of Murray Field. Crews responded and attempted to make access through the rear of Harper Motors before successfully accessing the scene through the gate to the Faye Slough Wildlife area.

Two engine companies, Fish & Wildlife, and multiple Law Enforcement units from Eureka Police Department accessed the site of the crash approximately 3,000 feet from the runway.

Crews found one patient, the pilot of the Ultra Life one-seater, outside of the plane appearing largely uninjured. A Humboldt Bay Fire paramedic crossed the slough and assisted the patient back across the slough to awaiting HBF personnel who provided medical evaluation.

The patient was transported to City Ambulance at the mouth of the Wildlife Area Access point, where he was evaluated further.

HBF would like to thank Eureka Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Humboldt County Airport Personnel, and City Ambulance for their partnership on scene.

HBF would like to take this opportunity to remind operators of all vehicles the importance of wearing a restraining device such as the 5-point harness that aided in the safety of the patient in this case.

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