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Five People Die in Plane Crash near Dillingham

(DILLINGHAM, Alaska) – At approximately 7 p.m. on Aug. 9, the Air Force 11th Rescue Coordination Center received a report that an airplane with nine people on board crashed on land 17 miles northwest of Dillingham.

Good Samaritans, including some with medical training, were on scene assisting with the rescue efforts. The Alaska State Troopers, Rescue Coordination Center, U.S. Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board worked in cooperation on the rescue and body recovery of the crash victims. Alaska Air National Guard transported two survivors back to Dillingham and the United States Coast Guard transported the other two survivors to Dillingham, from the crash site. When all survivors were together in Dillingham, they were loaded on a Coast Guard C-130 and transported to Anchorage. Inclement weather hampered the initial response to the scene. The downed aircraft is a DeHavilland DHC-3 Otter owned by GCI Communications Corp. in Anchorage.

The four survivors were transported to Providence Hospital in Anchorage with varying degrees of injuries. The survivors are as follows:

William “Willy” Phillips, Jr., 13
Sean O’Keefe, 54
Kevin O’Keefe
Jim Morhard of Alexandria, Virginia

The deceased are identified as:

Senator Theodore “Ted” Stevens, 86 of Anchorage, Alaska
Theron “Terry” Smith, 62 of Eagle River, Alaska (Pilot)
William “Bill” Phillips, Sr.
Dana Tindall, 48 of Anchorage, Alaska
Corey Tindall, 16 of Anchorage, Alaska

All next of kin have been notified. The bodies of the deceased have been recovered and will be transported to Anchorage.