No injuries reported after West Union plane crash

Experimental craft destroyed after going down in subdivision

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WEST UNION — An experimental plane crashed in the West Union area near Lake Keowee on Sunday afternoon, but the two people on board sustained no injuries.

Oconee County Sheriff Mike Crenshaw told The Journal on Sunday evening that the crash occurred in Safety Harbor, near the new subdivision of Peninsula Point.

Crenshaw said the pilot informed him he had to conduct an emergency landing due to low fuel, and while there was no damage to the property, the plane sustained heavy damage.

Oconee County fire chief Charlie King said the Oconee 911 center received several calls at approximately 5:45 p.m. The callers said they saw a small plane fall from the sky, and responders later found the pilot along McAlister Road.

"They were quickly able to locate the crash site," King said.

King added that the pilot tried to land on a newly constructed residential street.

Keowee-Ebenezer Station 11, West Union Station 16 and Greenville Health System EMS were also on the scene, King said.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were also notified to conduct an investigation into the cause of the crash.



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A small experimental plane is shown following a Sunday afternoon crash near West Union. No injuries were reported, and the crash remains under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.