

NEWS RELEASE | FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | September 20, 2023

***Updated* Fatal Plane Crash**
Name Release

What: Fatal Plane Crash

Where: Corn field located west of Highway 281 & 12th St SE (Five miles south of New Rockford)

When: September 19, 2023 at 12:32 P.M. Central Time

Road Conditions: NA

Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy

Crash Involvement: Plane Crash

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Eddy County Sheriff's Office, Foster County Sheriff's Office, New Rockford Ambulance, New Rockford Fire, Carrington Fire, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the National Safety Transportation Board (NTSB).

Vehicle No. 1: 2012 Air Tractor (AT502)

Driver No. 1: Lawrence Polries, 63, of Jamestown, ND

Restraints: Harness

Charges: None

NARRATIVE: An Air Tractor Agriculture plane was spraying a sunflower field on the east side of 281. The pilot, Polries, was flying west after spraying a pass when he hit an electrical wire with his tail fin. Polries lost control and crashed in the corn field on the west side of 281 north of 12th St SE. Polries died on scene.

The crash is under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

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