



PAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Press Release

Airplane Crash

January 17, 2020

Oakwood, Ohio— On January 17, 2020, shortly after 3:30 p.m., a fixed wing single engine airplane crashed in Brown Township, rural Oakwood, Ohio.

The crash occurred in a plowed field on the east side of Road 163, north of Road 138. The aircraft had just taken off from a privately owned grass runway several hundred feet west of the crash site.

Dustin A. Dobbelaere, age 35, from Defiance, Ohio was piloting the 1980 Piel Emeraude Model CP-301 aircraft when it crashed, and he was the lone occupant. Dobbelaere was transported via life flight to a hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dobbelaere's medical condition is unknown at the time of this release.

Deputies are working in conjunction with investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, Oakwood Fire & EMS, Paulding EMS and Paulding County Emergency Management Agency.

This accident remains under investigation.