

NEWS RELEASE

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Cook Inlet Aircraft Mishap

(Anchorage, October 15, 2004) At around 2:06 p.m. a call came into airport dispatch that a Piper Cub plane went down in Cook Inlet by Earthquake Park shortly after takeoff from Lake Hood. Airport Crash Fire and Rescue responded immediately with fire trucks and rescue personnel to the shore near Earthquake Park and assumed the duties of Incident Commander until the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) arrived on the scene. Airport police deployed one hovercraft into the Inlet at Pt. Woronzof and was first to arrive in the incident area and make contact with a float plane that had landed at the crash site.

By 3:30 p.m. Airport Crash Fire and Rescue had pulled its hovercraft and its remaining rescue equipment and personnel from the scene. AFD, the Incident Commander, in conjunction with an Air Guard helicopter remained on the scene.

Additional media inquiries should be directed to the National Transportation Safety Board or the Anchorage Fire Department.

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