



# State of Connecticut



## Connecticut State Police Troop D – Danielson

### NEWS RELEASE

On 01/21/2006 at approximately 0953 hours, Troopers from the Connecticut State Police Troop D barracks responded to the area of North Road in Killingly for a reported airplane crash. Upon arrival, Troopers located the crash site which was in a field adjacent to 1143 North Road. Despite the crash site being difficult to reach with rescue vehicles, responding emergency personnel from Troop D, the East Killingly Fire Department and the KB Ambulance were able to successfully extricate the victims from the wreckage and provided life saving medical attention to them as well as stabilize the wreckage and prevent further hazardous conditions. The occupants of the airplane were identified as Steven SurrIDGE of 890 Pudding Hill Road, Hampton, Ct. and Paul Peltier of 112 Bethel Road in Griswold, Ct. Both victims sustained non-life threatening injuries when the plane, a 1975 Cherokee Piper plummeted to the ground. One of the survivors (Peltier) was transported to Backus Hospital in Norwich via KB Ambulance Service and the other survivor, (SurrIDGE) was transported to UMASS Hospital in Worcester by Life Flight. TFC Robert Evangelista of the Danielson barracks is assisting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Connecticut Department of Transportation in determining the cause of this crash. The airplane was based out of the Windham Airport in North Windham, Ct. The investigation is ongoing.