

SEPTEMBER AVIATION ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SUMMARY

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The following are the reports of aviation accidents, and incidents that have occurred in Arizona from late August, thru September. APA will be using this detailed information to develop safety programs, briefings, and posters/flyers that would help pilots learn from the mistakes being made by others, and take the action necessary to prevent them from having similar occurrences.

Aviation safety this past reporting period wasn't very good because at the end of the reporting period we experienced two accidents that were fatal for the pilots . In one of the accidents a passenger was also seriously injured. While there were seven accidents in this past reporting period, it was fortunate that in five of these accidents nobody got hurt. Unfortunately, when this report was prepared, there were very few details available concerning either of the two fatal accidents.

In continuing with the expanded scope of the report, using information from the ASN, FAA, NTSB, and APA members, I hope this report will help you see what's going on out there, and help you to avoid making the same mistakes others have made, and make your flying a bit safer.

The following is the information obtained from the ASN, FAA, NTSB, and from APA members.

Date: August 27, 2021
Info. Source: ASN, FAA
Location: Prescott
Type: Robinson R44 Raven II
injuries: 3 Uninjured

ROTOR BLADES STRUCK AN OBSTRUCTION

The law-enforcement aircraft sustained unspecified damage subsequent to rotor impact with trees during a rescue attempt takeoff in gusting wind conditions in the Pine Mountain Wilderness.

Date: August 28, 2021
Info. Source: FAA
Location: Glendale
Type: Skybolt Experimental Biplane
Injuries: 1 Uninjured

ENGINE FAILURE

The engine failure on the Skybolt led to an emergency landing on a dirt road one-half mile south of Grande Avenue and 163rd street near Glendale airport.

Date: August 28, 2021
Info. Source: FAA
Location: Scottsdale
Type: Cessna 172
Injuries: 2 Uninjured

RUNWAY EXCURSION

The Cessna 172 landed on runway 21 at Scottsdale airport, and veered left off the runway at taxiway B-11, traveled through some runway lights, and rocks, and came to rest north of the taxiway B-10. The extent of aircraft damage was unknown.

Date: August 29, 2021
Info. Source: FAA
Location: Tucson (TUS)
Type: Piper PA28-235
Injuries: 2 Uninjured

PROP STRIKE

The Piper experienced a prop strike on a fire hydrant in a non movement area near the intersection of taxiway D, and runway 21. Damage was determined to be minor.

Date: September 4, 2021
Info. Source: FAA
Location: Phoenix
Type: Beech Bonanza V35
Injuries: 2 Uninjured

LANDING GEAR MALFUNCTION

The Beech V35 departed Prescott, and upon landing at Deer Valley (DVT) on runway 7R, the landing gear collapsed after the landing. The damage appeared to be minor in nature. The pilot was properly trained, and endorsed to fly a Bonanza, however recent experience was in a Cessna 177, and the PIC confused the flap and gear handles and retracted the gear on rollout.

Date: September 12, 2021
Info. Source: ASN
Location: Lake Havasu
Type: Cessna 177RG
Injuries: 1 Fatality

CRASHED SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF

The aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff, and was consumed by fire. The only known person on board at this time was the pilot. At the time this report was prepared, the only information available was from the Aviation Safety Network (ASN).

Date: September 22, 2021

Info. Source: ASN

Location: Page

Type: Piper PA28R-200 Arrow

Injuries: 1 Fatality, 1 Serious

CONTROLLED FLIGHT INTO TERRAIN

The aircraft sustained substantial damage subsequent to impact with high desert terrain in Coconino County about 20 miles west of Page Municipal Airport (PGA), Page. The pilot was fatally injured and the related passenger received serious injuries. The aircraft departed San Martin Airport (E16), California, with a destination of Page Airport (PGA). The only information available at this time was from the Aviation Safety Network (ASN).