

1 dead, 1 hurt in Placerville plane crash

One person died and another was seriously injured when the plane they were in was trying to land Saturday night at a Placerville airport.

The Starduster biplane was headed for Swansboro Airport just before 7pm Aug. 16. El Dorado County sheriff's deputies said after circling the airport once the aircraft disappeared out of sight. The plane with its two male occupants was found a short ways from the airport. The airport is 4.5 miles north of Placerville

One person was pronounced dead at the scene, while the other was flown to Sutter Roseville Medical Center. The names of the pilot and passenger have not been released.

The National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration are investigating.

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