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Small Aircraft Crash at David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport Klein Fire Department and Mutal Aid Units Respond

UPDATE (Klein, TX. September 28, 2025) **Harris County Emergency Services District 16, Klein Fire Department** ("HCESD 16" or "KFD") responded to the scene of a small aircraft crash at David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport. Two fatalities have been confirmed.

At approximately 12:13 p.m., Klein Fire received emergency calls regarding an aircraft that crashed half a mile south of the airport, near the runway. First responders from KFD, alongside partner agencies Spring Fire Department (HCESD 7) and Champions Fire Department (HCESD 29), immediately deployed to the site.

Our primary focus was on containing the scene, fire suppression, search and rescue, managing potential hazards, and the safety of individuals on the ground.

The aircraft involved in the incident was a Cessna C340, which had recently departed from Hooks Airport following a routine refueling. The aircraft was carrying two individuals at the time of departure. Shortly after takeoff, the pilot reported complications and initiated a return to the airport. However, the aircraft crashed in an open field approximately half a mile south of the runway. The impact resulted in a fire that engulfed both the aircraft and the surrounding area. Emergency response teams confirmed that there were no survivors.

The fire has been extinguished, and crews remain on scene to put out any flare ups in the field. We respectfully ask the public and media to avoid the immediate area to ensure the continued safety of emergency personnel and to allow the investigation to proceed unimpeded.

The National Transportation Safety Board, Federal Aviation Administration, and Texas Department of Transportation are investigating.

Our deep thoughts are with everyone affected by this tragic incident.

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About Harris County Emergency Services District No. 16, Klein Fire Department

Since 1951, the Klein Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) has provided fire suppression, first responder EMS, and related services within the Klein community's 49-square mile service area in northern Harris County. In September 2022, **Harris County Emergency Services District 16** ("HCESD 16" or the "District") assumed direct responsibility for those services and now operates as the **Klein Fire Department** ("KFD"), providing fire and rescue services for the citizens who reside in and pass through HCESD 16.

HCESD 16 is a government entity and a political subdivision of the State of Texas, organized as provided by State Law to protect life and health. The five-member District Board of Commissioners are elected by the voters of the ESD 16 service area and is subject to various state laws, rules, and regulations.