

The Henderson County Sheriffs' Office is on the scene of an aircraft crash involving a single engine plane that went down on the area of Overlook Drive in the Kenmure community of Henderson County. At 2:15 p.m. a citizen called the E911 center of the Sheriffs Office and reported hearing a low flying plane and then an explosion. The Sheriffs Office was able to confirm with Asheville tower that a single engine plane with unknown number of persons onboard appeared to be missing in the general area.

The Sheriffs Office and Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue responded to the area where the plane was found to be crashed. At this time investigators say that they have not been able to confirm the number of persons onboard, but there are no survivors. Deputies will hold the crash scene secure until FAA and the NTSB representatives are on scene.

There is no further information available as to the identity of the pilot or the place of flight origin or destination. Further info will be released as it is developed and confirmed.

The Henderson County Sheriffs' Office has confirmed that there was only one individual onboard the aircraft that went down in the Kenmure community this afternoon. The aircraft had left the Asheville Airport on a route undetermined by this office at this time. The pilot was flying VFR. The pilot has been identified as 65 year old Larry Joe Youngblood of Fletcher NC. The 911 call attached has been edited to protect the identity of the citizen who first alerted the Sheriffs office to the event. The Sheriffs office will maintain security of the scene until relieved by federal investigators most likely tomorrow.