MEDIA RELEASE

September 11th, 2015

Aircraft Emergency at Morristown Municipal Airport.

On 09/11/2015 at 1155 hours, Morristown Municipal Airport operations advised the Morris County Communication Center of an aircraft emergency. As per the dispatch, a pilot had radioed air traffic control reporting that shortly after takeoff, he had experienced an issue with the retraction of the front wheel on a Piper Seminole aircraft. The pilot advised that he was unsure of whether or not that wheel was able to lock in place and requested an emergency return to the airport.

In accordance with the established response plan for Morristown Municipal Airport, emergency crews responded from Morristown Airport Fire Rescue, Morristown Fire Department, Morris Township Fire Department, Hanover Township Fire Department, Morristown Police, Hanover Township Police, Morristown E.M.S., Cedar Knolls E.M.S and Atlantic Health Paramedics.

Once emergency responders were in place, the aircraft landed but the front wheel did not lock and the aircraft came to rest on the front nose. Both occupants of the aircraft exited safely and were uninjured. Fire units responded immediately and ensure that there was no fire.

The pilot was identified as Flight Instructor James Forrey, aged 25 of Glen Rock, NJ. The passenger was identified as 24 year old Harrison Martin of Flemington, NJ. The aircraft was owned by A.T.P. Flight School at Morristown Municipal Airport.