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MEDIA RELEASE

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EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT CRASHED UPON LANDING AT MORRISTOWN AIRPORT

On 05/24/2021 at approximately 9:00am, an airplane crash was reported at Morristown Municipal Airport. The crash was reported by the Morristown Airport Rescue Firefighters who responded immediately to the location. Units from Morristown Fire and Police Bureaus responded to the scene assisted by additional units in accordance with our established mutual aid agreements.

It was determined that an experimental Taylor Coot aircraft being operated by 83 year old John Loofbourrow of Springfield, New Jersey had crashed upon landing on Runway 23. As per Mr. Loofbourrow, as he approached his landing, the indicators inside the aircraft showed that his landing gear was down and locked. He advised that as he touched down on the runway however, it appeared that the right landing gear either failed or had not been locked down. As a result of that situation, the aircraft undercarriage touched onto the runway. Mr. Loofbourrow advised that he was able to maintain a certain level of control of the aircraft and came to rest on a taxiway off the main runway.

Mr. Loofbourrow was not injured and required no medical attention. Notifications were made to the Federal Aviation Administration who will conduct a review of this incident. At the time of this release, Morristown Municipal Airport remained open but Runway 23/5 was closed.