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PRESS RELEASE

Helicopter Crashes Near Verboort

September 18, 2015—The Washington County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a helicopter crash near the community of Verboort. The helicopter crashed just after takeoff and the pilot received only minor injuries. There were no other occupants of the helicopter.

September 18, 2015 at 8:04 a.m., Washington County deputies responded to 1968 NW Martin Road on a reported helicopter crash. Upon arrival deputies learned the sole occupant and pilot of the helicopter, Katherine Hyneman, 52, from Forest Grove, was driven to the hospital by a family member.

During the initial investigation Ms. Hyneman reported that she had just taken off to spray the fields when the engine of the 1991 Schweizer 300c stopped working. She estimated that she was 50 feet from the ground when this occurred. The helicopter crashed in the field and Ms. Hyneman was able to walk away from the crash. She called her family from her cell phone and she was driven to the hospital with a minor head injury.



The Federal Aviation Administration responded to investigate the crash.