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**August 11, 2021**

**Helicopter Crash  
WFD Case # 21-0031989**

**VICTIM(s):           One injury**

On August 11<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:30 AM Prospect Heights Fire Protection District and Wheeling Fire crews were dispatched for a plane crash at Milwaukee Avenue and Apple Drive in Prospect heights. On arrival crews found a helicopter had crashed and was lying in the middle of the intersection. It appears the helicopter had just taken off from Chicago Executive Airport (CEA) with just the pilot on board when it crashed. The pilot was able to remove himself from the helicopter and was treated and transported by ambulance to Glenbrook hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the cause of the crash. The scene was turned over to CEA operations, the Federal Aviation Administration, and Illinois State Police.

The cause of the accident is undetermined.

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