Airplane Crash at Albert Whitted Airport

At about 1:55 a.m. we were notified of an airplane crash at Albert Whitted Airport, 107 8th Avenue SE.

Responding fire rescue and police units located two men inside of the plane who were extricated and transported to Bayfront Medical Center. One of the plane’s occupants has been pronounced deceased while the other has been listed as a trauma alert, but is believed to be in stable condition at this time.

According to officers on the scene, the plane involved is a single engine aircraft which was taking off from Albert Whitted’s runway # 25, west bound.

According to a witness as the plane began to ascend to a height of 50 to 100 feet, the engine was heard to sputter and the plane nosedived back into the runway.

The plane’s intended destination is not known at this time.

The FAA has been notified and their investigators are in route to the scene to determine the cause of the crash.

We are still awaiting the notification of the next of kin before we released the names of the occupants.

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