Plane Crash at Albert Whitted Airport

We are current on the scene of a plane crash that occurred in the water about 75 yards south of the seawall at Albert Whitted Airport. Rescuers responded to the scene of the crash and extracted the pilot who was found to be deceased. His body was transported to the Coast Guard base near the airport.

The plane belongs to an advertisement banner towing company based at the airport. According to witnesses the pilot had just picked up a banner and was beginning to climb when popping noise could be heard coming from the plane. The plane then appeared to nose down and crash into the water.

The initial call came into us at about 2:58 p.m.

I should some additional details later this afternoon.

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