Correction regarding the occupants of the plane. There were three men and a 16 year old girl on board the Piper 4 seat aircraft which was in route from Tallahassee to St. Petersburgs Albert Whitted Airport. All are citizens of the United Kingdom.

Two of the occupants have been transported to the hospital as trauma alerts.

According to information received from the plane’s pilot, the plane suffered engine failure as he began his approach to the airport and he was forced to attempt a landing in the park.

Police Spokesperson Yolanda Fernandez is available for interviews near the park. She located at 5th Avenue NE just east of the Vinoy Hotel

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Plane Crash at Vinoy Park

We are currently on the scene of a small plane crash at Vinoy Park at 5th Avenue Northeast and Bayshore Drive Dr.

Preliminary information is that the plane was occupied by 4 people (2 men and 2 women) one of whom is being transported to the hospital as a trauma alert.

According to witnesses the plane was heading north to south when it came down in the park in an apparently landing attempt and struck a tree. The plane came to rest upright in the southern section of the park

I will put out addition details when I have them.

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