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### SCSO assists in plane crash recovery effort

Seminole Co. – (Dec. 8, 2017), Seminole County Sheriff's Office is continuing to assist recovery efforts after a plane crashed into Lake Harney late Friday morning.

At approximately 11:19 a.m., SCSO responded to witness reports of an aircraft flying low before crashing into the water. Members of the Seminole and Volusia County Sheriff Offices along with FWC responded to the scene for search and recovery efforts.

After an extensive search, it was determined that the three people on board the aircraft were deceased. The pilot is identified as Kamalesh Naik, 56, of Sanford. The two passengers are identified as Men Tao, 22, of and Hou Xupeng, 23, both of China, currently staying in Sanford.

The scene along Lake Harney will remain secure overnight, and recovery teams will resume their efforts in the morning. Residents are asked to avoid the area this weekend.

The National Transportation Safety Board will lead the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

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