

Plane crash near San Diego kills 2

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CARLSBAD, Calif. -- The crash of a private plane soon after takeoff Tuesday from a Southern California airport killed the two men aboard and started two fires.

The crash at 6 a.m. also cut power to 1,700 homes and businesses around the McClellan-Palomar Airport near San Diego and forced the closing of several roads because traffic signals were out. The airport was closed following the crash.

The plane hit power lines and came down on the new Carlsbad municipal golf course, which is scheduled to open Aug. 4.

The aircraft, a 1973 Beechcraft 90 turboprop, was registered to Southwest Consulting Group Inc., a San Diego company, the Los Angeles Times reported. It was apparently headed to Tucson, Ariz.

The crash is to be investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board.

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