

Bodies recovered from float plane crash

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The bodies of both occupants of Saturday's float plane crash on the Willamette River were recovered by Clackamas County Sheriff Marine Deputies and turned over to the Clackamas County Medical Examiner.

The remains of 80-year old David Howard Wiley of Lake Oswego and another occupant of the 1941 Taylorcraft float plane were pulled from the wreckage about 5:30 p.m., July 28, after investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration completed their preliminary examination of the wreckage.

The identity of the second aviator is being withheld until out-of-state family members can be notified.

The FAA is in charge of the investigation into the cause of the crash.

Several witnesses of the 11:48 a.m. crash indicated the aircraft took off from the river above Willamette Falls and turned sharply. The witnesses said one of the wings separated from the aircraft and the plane plunged into the river upside down against some trees.

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