

# City of El Cajon News Release



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### **Pilot Struck By Prop At Gillespie Field Airport**

At 8:30 a.m. this morning, a 41-year-old pilot and his passenger began to taxi out of a hangar located at the west end of Gillespie Field Airport, just south of the air traffic control tower in El Cajon. Reportedly the single-engine plane stalled and the pilot attempted to “hot prop” the propeller of the single-engine plane. In the process he suffered a severe head injury by the propeller. Heartland Fire & Rescue from El Cajon transported the pilot to Sharp Memorial Hospital where he was officially declared deceased.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) officials are investigating this incident.