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## ***Auburndale Police Department News Release***

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### **Auburndale Police Department and Polk County Sheriff's Office Investigating Fatal Plane Crash**

#### **UPDATED Information with Identification of the Victims**

The victims in yesterday's 12:25 p.m. plane crash were identified and their next of kin have been notified. The two victims are identified as married couple John William Schmalz III, 70 years of age, and Lynann Elaine Kurr, 62 years of age, of Winter Haven, Florida.

The plane they were flying is a Lake LA-250 Renegade amphibious aircraft. The investigation is continuing and there are no updates available at this time as to the exact cause of the crash.

We want to express our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims and also would like to acknowledge our partners at the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Auburndale Fire Department for their significant assistance in this investigation.

Any further updates will be provided as they become available.

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