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(Neb.)- Plane Has Minor Crash At Chadron Airport



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(Chadron)-The Chadron Communications Center received a call at 6:55 a.m. Tuesday June 11 regarding an airplane crash at the Chadron Municipal Airport. Officers responded and conducted an initial investigation into the accident. The pilot was identified as 66 year old William G. Earl, of Jacksonville, Oregon.

Earl was attempting to take off and reported that he encountered a mechanical problem with the cockpit canopy, which caused the airplane to nose back down onto the runway. Earl's airplane then skidded to a stop just off the main runway. Earl's plane sustained significant damage and is most likely a total loss.

Earl transported himself to the Chadron Municipal Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. The Chadron Police Department has no further updates on Earl's medical status at this time. There were no other passengers and weather conditions were favorable.

Notifications were made to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) regarding this aviation accident. FAA officials out of Rapid City South Dakota responded to Chadron and are currently the lead investigation agency handling this aviation accident. Any further questions regarding this accident should be directed to the FAA in Lincoln Nebraska.