

State Police Respond to Plane Landing at Quabbin Reservoir

At 2:52 p.m., troopers assigned to the State Police Barracks in Belchertown and the Air Wing, along with FAA and Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) personnel, responded to calls of a plane landing inside the Quabbin Reservoir. The pilot contacted State Police communicating that he had landed his plane on a sandbar due to mechanical issues and was not injured.

Troopers responding confirmed that the pilot, a 42-year old Newport, Rhode Island man, was uninjured and that the plane was intact. The plane, a Seawind with tail number N89XL, is a 2015 fixed-wing, single-engine aircraft. The location the plane departed from and its destination are unknown at this time. There are no reports of any environmental concerns to the Quabbin Reservoir. The investigation is ongoing and plans for removal of the plane from the sandbar are still underway.