PILOTS 'LUCKY ESCAPE' AFTER BRAND NEW PRIVATE JET CRASHES INTO FIELD NEXT TO AIRPORT

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These dramatic pictures show how two pilots were lucky to escape with their lives after a brand new private jet crash-landed next to an airport.

Two people were on board the plane when it came down in the field next to Fairoaks Airport in Surrey and narrowly missed some large trees.

Emergency services rushed to the scene following the crash at 8.35am yesterday.

One of the fire officers in charge of the incident, Graham Whitfield from Woking Fire Station said the pilot and co-pilot on board were "lucky" to have narrowly missed three established oak trees in the field.

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Speaking to Get Surrey , he said: "We were told a plane had crash landed at Fairoaks and the pilot was injured. It came through from the police. There was no sign of fire but they were concerned about a fuel spillage.



“We were expecting it to have run off the end of the runway but it had crashed into a farmer's field about 100 yards from the end of the runway.

"It was coming into land to pick up a customer. There were two personnel on board- the pilot and the co-pilot.”

He said it was a brand new six person private jet.

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“We had to make the scene safe," said crew commander Whitfield.

"When we arrived the on site fire crews from Fairoaks were very good. They had turned up in a response vehicle and put a layer of foam down. We cooled off the engine.”

“They were very lucky,” added the crew manager. "It could have been a whole different story as they landed 50 yards from three oak trees."

It is believed the pilot sustained injuries to his wrist.

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