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Here's a newspaper report of a search in which our Alberta compatriots were involved (emphasis added).

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Survivor in plane crash

Rescue crews also find one dead as small aircraft goes down near Canmore

By BILL LAYE, CALGARY SUN

The sole survivor of a downed plane near Canmore staggered from the crash site for kilometres before being rescued last night. "Rescuers located the body of one of the plane's occupants inside the wreckage and located footprints walking away from the crash site," said Cpl. Keith Blake of the Kananaskis detachment.

Sgt. Glenn Gray, of the Canadian Forces Joint Search and Rescue Centre in Trenton, Ont., said the plane, with two Calgary-area men onboard, was reported overdue at about 4:30 p.m.

An air search was launched and the plane was located by civilian search-and-rescue volunteers around 7:30 p.m.

One man was confirmed killed in the crash, but -- with military and private aircraft circling overhead -- the only other occupant of the aircraft managed to escape the wreckage and make his way to safety.

"One survivor was found wandering in the woods, three kilometres from the crash site," said RCMP spokeswoman Const. Kerry Doran.

The survivor was transported to Foothills Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The two people on board were believed to be from the Springbank area, but Gray could provide no further details on who they were or their ages.

"We have to wait until the proper authorities are notified," he said.

The plane, a **Beach 180 Piper**, was on what appears to have been a recreational or instructional flight when it went down near Canmore, about 100 km west of Calgary.

The plane left Springbank Airport at about 1:15 p.m. and was scheduled to travel to Spray Lake in Kananaskis prior to returning to Springbank.

Doran said an aircraft emergency transponder signal had been picked up at about the time the plane went missing.

Winnipeg Zone Activities

Annual Wings Banquet 14 May 2004



Winnipeg Zone stalwart Alf Northam receives his long service pin from Zone Commander Chuck Wilson



Gerald Proulx receives his CASARA Pilot's Wings from Chief Pilot Gary Foster. Gary has unfortunately been forced to leave Canada to find work, and is now flying Beavers in Fiji.



Spotter Dorinda Bond receives her wings from Chief Spotter Darlene Searcy.

Also attending our banquet were CASARA directors from across Canada, who were in Winnipeg for a conference. This might be the first time that a zone has hosted national directors and some deputy directors.



Winnipeg Zone pilot Don Wither uses a mirror to signal a circling Hercules aircraft, just before the SAR Techs jumped in, during a co-operation exercise with 435 Sqn on 5 July.



Winnipeg Zone members gathered for movie nights in June and July.



A June exercise saw Winnipeg Zone members using the Lac du Bonnet airport as a staging base.

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Coming Events

Winnipeg Zone

Saturday 11 September – **Joint Exercise with CASARA Thunder Bay and Lake of the Woods SAR group** (rescheduled from June)

Saturday 4 December – Level 1

Provincial Zone

28- 29 August – **Joint Exercise - Manitoba GSAR**

30 September - **Searcher Deadline**

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