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Late Monday evening (05-06-2013) at about 11:22 p.m. the Cottonwood Police Department received a single report of a possible airplane crash at the Cottonwood Airport. The caller who lives in the Del Webb community said she heard an airplane flying low, then heard a loud crashing sound.

When Cottonwood Officers arrived they located an airplane in the 100 block of S. Airpark Rd. The airplane collided with a portion of the fence, bordering Airpark Rd and the Airport, ultimately resting on Airpark Rd. Cottonwood Fire Department personnel contained a fuel leak from the airplane and verified the electrical system was deactivated.



The pilot and lone occupant of the airplane, a 42 year old man from Oklahoma, suffered only minor injuries and was transported by Verde Valley Ambulance to the Verde Valley Medical Center for treatment. The pilot reported he didn't think the runway lights were functioning properly and thought Airpark Rd. was his runway. By the time he realized it was a roadway he could not pull up to avoid colliding with the fence.

The FAA was contacted and advised they would respond later in the morning to conduct an investigation. Airpark Rd. is closed from the 200 block to the intersection at W. Mingus Ave. Cottonwood officers have secured the crash scene until the preliminary investigation is complete and the airplane is removed.