

FATAL FLIGHT: INVESTIGATING MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL HELICOPTER CRASH

Helicopter Horror- "A major problem" led to the tragic accident that claimed the lives of all three passengers on board.

Montgomery, AL (April 29, 2025) – Mike Andrews from Beasley Allen Law Firm and Dan Mars from Mars, Mars & Mars, P.A. are representing Dustin Pope's widow after a tragic helicopter crash in Madison County, Mississippi on March 11, 2025.

The helicopter, operated by AirCare, met its untimely fate shortly after refueling at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The victims, Dustin Pope, Jakob Kindt, and Cal Wesolowski, were on board when the aircraft began to experience severe difficulties.

As the helicopter flew over the Pearl River State Wildlife Management Area, it began to descend rapidly. In a desperate attempt to communicate, the flight nurse transmitted a chilling message to UMMC MED-COM: "We've got a major problem, we are having an emergency landing in a field right now, ops are not good, controls are giving us a lot of trouble, coming in fast." Tragically, no further transmissions were recorded.

The crash site, located approximately 1/4 mile southwest of the Turcotte Fish Hatchery, was engulfed in flames for three hours, leaving the wreckage destroyed and the community in mourning.

Dustin Pope started his public service career in 2010 as a student nurse at Anderson Regional Medical Center, gaining experience in the Critical Care Unit (CCU), Emergency Room (ER), telemetry, ICU, and ER at Neshoba General. Before joining AirCare in 2017, he worked at Rush Foundation Hospital, staffing critical access hospitals in Dekalb and Union. His diverse background prepared him for his goal of becoming a flight nurse with AirCare.

We are committed to a thorough investigation of the incident. "Our priority is to uncover the truth and seek justice for the victims and their families," said Andrews. "We will work tirelessly to support Dustin Pope and his family during this difficult time."

Dan Mars added, "This investigation is not just about finding answers; it's about ensuring that such tragedies are prevented in the future and that the families affected receive the justice they deserve."

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