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Required copies of the records: Yes

List of specific record(s):

Any and all records, police reports, incident reports, injury reports, arrest charges, etc., relative to an aircraft crash at La Guardia Airport, Runway 4 on July 22, 2013 at approximately 6:00PM.

**THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ**

FOI Administrator

August 21, 2014

Ms. Shailyn Tirado  
Law Office of Brian P. Campbell  
352 Hillview Terrace, P.O. Box 588  
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Re: Freedom of Information Reference No. 15076

Dear Ms. Tirado:

This is in response to your July 14, 2014 request, which has been processed under the Port Authority's Freedom of Information Code (the "Code") for copies of "Any and all records, police reports, incident reports, injury reports, arrest charges, etc., relative to an aircraft crash at La Guardia Airport, Runway 4 on July 22, 2013 at approximately 6:00PM."

Material responsive to your request and available under the Code can be found on the Port Authority's website at <http://www.panynj.gov/corporate-information/foi/15076-O.pdf>. Paper copies of the available records are available upon request.

Please refer to the above FOI reference number in any future correspondence relating to your request.

Very truly yours,



Daniel D. Duffy  
FOI Administrator

# Airport Operations

## Aircraft Incident Report

To

From

Date

Subject: LAGUARDIA AIRPORT INCIDENT REPORT

Copy To

DATE OF INCIDENT  TIME  LOCATION

AIRCRAFT # 1 COMPANY	TYPE	REG. NO.	PAX/CREW
<input type="text" value="Southwest"/>	<input type="text" value="Boeing 737-700"/>	<input type="text" value="N-753SW"/>	<input type="text" value="143/5"/>

AIRCRAFT # 2 COMPANY	TYPE	REG. NO.	PAX/CREW
<input type="text" value="N/A"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

VEHICLE # 1 COMPANY	TYPE	ID NO.	PLATE NO.
<input type="text" value="N/A"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

VEHICLE # 2 COMPANY	TYPE	ID NO.	PLATE NO.
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CONDITION OF AREA:

WEATHER:

A/C DAMAGE:

INJURIES:

# Airport Operations

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**VEHICLE DAMAGE:**

NA

**P.A. PROPERTY DAMAGE:**

Scrapes and gouge to RWY 4 pavement, sign #27 knocked down

**NOTIFICATIONS:**

**DESCRIBE INCIDENT BELOW:**

Call 4-4 SWA 345 landing RWY 04 with collapsed nose gear, see Call 4-4 entry

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## Airline

Southwest B737, (N753SW) Aircraft Recovery Operation.

KLGA 200205Z 19008KT 10SM SCT021 OVC032 16/11 A2978 RMK AO2

KLGA 200126Z 2001/2024 18010KT P6SM SCT025 SCT040 BKN150

Due to substantial damage from call 4-4 (see related linked entry), the subject aircraft was prepared for disposal and salvage and transport off LGA property via barge. The following is a chronological of the events that took place to remove the aircraft via barge from the 22 deck between the VOR pier and drive out pier.

Present for the operation was 103 DS, 104 ALG, 100 KD, 98 FL and 98 ES. Staff from Southwest were on hand to assist Don Jon Marine who was the contracted recovery team for Southwest.

The subject aircraft was 'picked' off the 22 deck and transported to Port Newark where it will be stored until further notice.

2330hrs - Incident Command established on 22 deck.

2345hrs - LGA closed to all fixed wing aircraft. Don Jon Marine spud barge and lift barge moved from outside LGA exclusion zone into position to 'pick' and receive aircraft off the SE corner of the 22 deck btwn the NAVAID drive out pier and VOR pier.

Note: Rwy 22 Glide Slope was shut down by FAA @ 1600hrs on 10/19 and the VOR was shut down @ 2100hrs because of reflections from crane. Both NAVAIDS were activated btwn 0500/0700hrs on 10/20 as per MA.

0000hrs - Aircraft under tow from hgr 5 ramp, via Twy E, Rwy 4-22 to Twy R (SE corner of 22 deck).

0021hrs - Spud barge and pick barge now anchored approximately 20 feet off deck. Note: high moon tide prevented spud barge from securing to bottom of the bay further out as planned.

0059hrs - Aircraft backed into position; rigging crew installing hoisting and lift straps.

0126hrs - Rigging completed and aircraft ready for lift.

0134hrs - Successful lift in progress...no problems thus far.

0210hrs - Subject aircraft is officially off airport grounds. Spud and pick barge are being pushed back out of LGA exclusion zone by two tug boats with aircraft hoisted over water.

0230hrs - Both barges are now anchored outside of LGA exclusion zone with aircraft suspended over water awaiting transport barge. Tug boats on the move to tow/push transport barge under aircraft.

0250hrs - Transport barge in place and prepared to receive aircraft.

0345hrs - Aircraft secured on transport barge and being transported to Port Newark at this time. All units securing.

Special inspection conducted, Incident Command secured.

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## Aircraft Emergency Fire/Crash

Location	RWY 4		
Airline	Southwest	Flight No.	345
Aircraft Type	Boeing B-737-700	Registration No.	N753SW
Time Secured	6:59:00 AM	Fuel	7000
# Pax/Crew	143/5		
Flt Origin	Nashville	Flt Destination	LGA
Nature	Collapsed Nose Gear		
Airline Rep / LOC			
Phone No.			
W/X	KLGA 222158Z 04007KT 8SM SCT020 BKN080 OVC130 26/22 A2984 RMK AO2 KLGA 222158Z 04007KT 8SM SCT020 BKN080 OVC130 26/22 A2984 RMK AO2 KLGA 222158Z 04007KT 8SM SCT020 BKN080 OVC130 26/22 A2984 RMK AO2 KLGA 222158Z 04007KT 8SM SCT020 BKN080 OVC130 26/22 A2		

1746- SWA aircraft landed with collapsed nose gear. Nose of plane on RWY 4 near TWY F. 90,98,61,72,78 responding with PAPD.

1752- AG advised

1756- 100 advised. Airport closed.

1757- Busses coming through GP1 under escort. 1 bus on scene.

1758- No ambulances at staging area. Media Relations advised - Steve Coleman.

1801- 90 advises 98 to keep passengers on busses. ATCT requests 90 call. EWR Ops called and briefed.

1806- 90 advises 7000 lbs of fuel on board.

1806- 51 on scene.

1807- Ambulance escorted onto field.

1809- Report of 3 passenger injuries at this time.

1810- OEM Ira Foreman called for info. and briefed.

1813- AG called to confirm that FAA Ops were notified.

1815- LaGuardia Airport closed. VORTEX issued.

1815- 72 advises all passengers are off taxiways and on busses. JFK Ops called and briefed.

1817- 90 requests room 3870 to be opened and request Air Canada to open Maple Leaf Lounge. PAPD advised.

1818- 90 gave permission to FAA to check equipment. EWR Ops called.

1823- PAPD called to request Media be set up in ARFF garage.

1825- Maple Leaf Lounge approved for passenger use.

1826- PAPD advise bldg. 30 (old PEG) okay for use.

1831- TSA - M. Ryskanki standing by in Ops.

1857- 98 advises all passengers have been off loaded at base of concourse A. Passengers are being escorted to Maple Leaf Lounge and room 3870. East connector area closed. Busing operation complete.

1900- 90 advises RWY 13-31 to reopen.

1902- 100 calls ATCT for inspection and reopening. Maple Leaf Lounge open.

1905- Contracts advises that one passenger in room 3870 requests medical attention. PAPD advised.

1905- Per 100 RWY13-31 is reopened.

1906- SWA calls for room to place passengers waiting to reunite with subject aircraft.

1911- 100 advises only TWYS P, G, and Y are open for operation for ATCT.

1913- Delta giving water to subject passengers.

1915- 90 asked if passengers can reunite with family.

1920- Jetblue, AAL calling for assistance to bring aircraft back to gate. 90 advised.

1921- 90 inspecting west side TWYS and will contact ATCT.  
 1925- 90 advises that PAPD can cross at TWYS P,G, Y.  
 1927- TSA M. Ryskanki asked if we needed TSA help.  
 1929- NTSB - Dean called. PAPD advise 5 crew and 2 pax are injured.  
 1931- E. Malave called for escort to scene.  
 1931- Media called to advise of Press conference at hangar 7.  
 1933- 90 advises that staff on duty will hold 4 hours, maybe more. All other staff will remain on normal tours.  
 1934- MPD - L. Tan advises overnight food concessions will remain normal with one extra concession open.  
 1940- C. Rhodes called in. 90 requests estimate of NTSB arrival.  
 1944- Ops called FAA OPS for NTSB estimate of inspector arrivals.  
 1947- EWR Ops called for RWY update.  
 1950- 100 advised that NTSB Inspector - Luke Shiada - will be here within hour.  
 1951- 61 reports NTSB Inspector on site.  
 1952- VORTEX issued advising LaGuardia Airport open.  
 1953- UAL called to inquire about customer care kits.  
 1954- 90 advises that NTSB is under escort at site.  
 1955- 100 asking for arrival info. ATCT advises that flights are in air and we should see them soon.  
 1959- 61 reports per NTSB "who will be moving subject a/c?". 96 responds that SWA will advise, but not yet.  
 2002- 100 advises SWA will advise, but not yet.  
 2016- 100 advises ATCT to secure RWY 4/22 lights.  
 2023- 100 requests electric shop to inspect all light fixtures in path of subject a/c. Electric shop acknowledges.  
 2025- Aircraft Recovery Intl. called in for SWA. Information provided to 90, he will refer to SWA. SWA already has team to come in at 2200.  
 2030- 72 advises that SWA will provide meals to passengers.  
 2031- DELTA called to inquire about cots tonight. They were advised that no determination had been made.  
 2035- AG advises that hotel LGA is open tonight.  
 2037- 100 advises that RWY 13-31 will remain open all night.  
 2039- KLGA 222351Z 14010KT 10SM BKN013 OVC039 26/22 A2984 RMK AO2 RAB08E26 SLP105 P0000 60000  
 T02610222 10278 20244 56006  
 2040- JB - Terrence called for airport status.  
 2041- Tom from FAA called to speak with 100/90 about runway return and damage.  
 2048- COM Center called for info.  
 2051- Pax arriving from Delta for cots. Gateway and FJC advised. 40 cots to be set up.  
 2057- 100 advises FAA inspector on scene.  
 2100- Additional Ops staff notified to respond.  
 2103- 100 is requesting change in staff for overnight.  
 2109- No restrictions on guard posts. Resume normal operation.  
 2112- 72 advises that OEM is responding to 3870 with mental health personnel.  
 2117- 72 reports luggage going to Carousel 1. PAPD advised and request to send officer as press has gathered at site.  
 2120- 90 requests 98 to escort FAA inspectors to debris field.  
 2122- Pavement contractor at 2145 per 96.  
 DELTA has 90 cancellations on arrivals/departures.  
 2130- 71MC advises that Red Cross is on scene in east connector.  
 2134- 100 advises that SWA has approval to remove baggage from subject aircraft.  
 2136- 90 advises that FAA will take one more look and then clean-up can begin.  
 2137- Flight cancellations: Air Canada- 21d 21a  
                   AAL          - 13d 12a  
                   Am E         - 27d 27a  
                   Delta         - 87d 88a  
                   UAL          -10d 10a  
                   US Air         -15d 15a

2145- KLGA 230051Z 14006KT 10SM BKN011 OVC014 26/23 A2983 RMK AO2 SLP101 T02560228  
 2150- First two baggage carts are enroute.  
 2153- PAPD requested to respond to 3870 and Maple Leaf Lounge for media control.  
 2155- SWA mechanics will be on site at 2240. They need to be there before de-fueling can begin.  
 2210- 98 reports that all baggage in belly of subject aircraft has been removed.  
 2229- Boston-Logan called for update.  
 2233- Pax being placed from Maple Leaf Lounge into 3870. East connector is being opened  
 2242- KLGA 230151Z 16007KT 9SM -RA BKN011 OVC016 25/23 A2983 RMK AO2 RAB08 SLP100 P0001  
 T02500228  
 2251- 98 advises NTSB releasing baggage from inside A/C.  
 2201- 72 advises 9 pax and 1 crew member in room 3870 awaiting their carry-on.

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2251- 98 advises that NTSB releasing remainder of luggage.  
 2320- Electric Shop finished check of in-pavement light fixtures along RWY 4 - aircraft impact zone. Bolts checked and torqued where needed. Sign # 27- A/E/B knocked down by SWA nose gear. All other signs intact.

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2355- 6 white knights standing by at auto shop.  
2356- 100 calls for power cart.  
2359- 51 advised to pick-up fueler at GP 1 for escort to site.  
0007- 100 calls for 51 to take SWA Rep to tire lost by subject aircraft.  
0009- 100 tells 51 to disregard as he is walking tire over to site.  
0021- Fuelers on site, de-fueling aircraft. NTSB requests 100 to respond to Command Post.  
0026- NTSB secured for night, will return in am.  
0029- 71AF calls for APU to assist de-fueling. SWA contacted and has APU ready at B4 for escort. 51 responding.  
0053- 98 reports de-fueling completed.  
0100- 100 advises call placed to recovery team. Still in Bergen, NJ. PAPD to provide escort from GWB.  
0215- 1 truck - part of recovery team - standing by at GP1. 51 responding for escort.  
0323- 100 advises recovery team at GWB under PAPD escort to LGA.  
0330- Lift at GP 1 for escort to site.  
0355- OMR - Chris Valens briefed.  
0410- Recovery team, crane, truck, and SWA staff, under escort from GP 3 to site.  
0416- Recovery team has begun preparing a/c for move.  
0526- 100 reports a/c is strapped, lifted, and ready for move.  
0527- ATC requests call from 100.  
0540- OMR - C. Valens - briefed.  
0550- 90 advises media can report from west food court. PAPD notified.  
0610- 61 responding with FOD boss to site.  
0616- 100 requests all PA personnel respond to RWY 4 & TWY F. Call issued over "E" for all available PA staff to respond for FOD walk of site.  
0625- SWA notified to have staff respond and relocate baggage cart at site over to hangar 5.  
0637- 100 advises A/C is being moved at this time.  
0644- 100 reports command post has been secured.  
0646- 100 request ATC be notified to have lights on RWY 4/22 at step 3.  
0657- 100 advises all staff to remain clear of RWY 4/22. PAPD notified.  
0659- 100 reports RWY 4/22 is open and operational.  
0705- 90 reports 1st arrival on RWY 4.

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