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## **North Metro Fire Responds to Plane Crash into Northglenn Home** Pilot walks away and pets rescued

**Northglenn, CO**—North Metro Fire Rescue District responded to a fire earlier today that occurred when a plane crashed into a Northglenn home located at 11067 Livingston Drive. The pilot was able to extract himself from the Piper single engine plane and evacuate with only minor injuries. The homeowners were not home at the time of the plane crash.

The 911 call came in to Adams County Communications Center at 3:44 p.m. North Metro Fire crews were on scene within minutes and discovered heavy smoke and fire coming from the rear of the residence and out the front door. Once in the backyard, they saw the plane engulfed in flames with the tail extruding out from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor kitchen of the bi-level home.

Crews entered the home and attacked the fire on the first floor before moving up to the second floor where they attacked the source of the fire and performed a search within the home. While no occupants were found inside the house, firefighters were able to safely rescue two pet dogs and a lizard from the home. The fire district responded with three fire engines, a ladder truck, two medic units, a heavy rescue truck and a battalion chief. Thornton Fire Department assisted with a fire engine, medic unit and battalion chief. Northglenn Police Department had several officers on scene as well.

Witnesses say the pilot was flying the plane carrying a commercial banner behind it when the plane started going down. It is believed the pilot released the banner before crashing into the two-story home located at the corner of Livingston Drive and Claire Lane. The pilot was attended to by North Metro Fire paramedics and released with only minor injuries. The Federal Aviation Administration has taken over the investigation. The cause of the plane crash is unknown at this time.

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### **North Metro Fire Rescue District**

North Metro Fire Rescue District is dedicated to providing quality service to its residents. North Metro Fire Rescue provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and rescue services to our community. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 63 square miles with a population of approximately 103,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams and Jefferson Counties.