

Chatham County Board of Commissioners 124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401

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Local Law Enforcement Update on Plane Crash

Chatham County, GA (May 3, 2018) –HWY 21 will remain closed indefinitely. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has put the following detour in place.

Motorists traveling north on SR 21 will be detoured onto SR 307 North then turn west Jimmy Deloach Connector to the Sonny Dixon Interchange back to SR 21 where detour ends.

Motorists traveling south on SR 21 will be detoured onto Sonny Dixon Interchange to Jimmy Deloach Connector then travel west to SR 307 South back to SR 21 where detour ends.

Signage is in place to alert the traveling public of the road closure ahead with directional signage along detour route.

GDOT has requested employers to consider altering shift times to help elevate traffic congestion at peak hours.

Several steps will need to be taken before the road can be opened.

- The Military needs to investigate the crash and debris field
- Clean up of aircraft and debris field will be conducted after the investigation is concluded
- Any hazardous materials will need to mitigated
- The road will need to be evaluated and repaired by GDOT

There is restricted airspace around the crash site. No helicopters, planes or drones will be allowed into this area.

CSX has reopened the railroad.

At this time no new press briefings are scheduled. The next information update will be releasing the names of the victim, however, that will not take place until 24 hours the after the last next of kin is notified.

Military media inquiries can be directed to the 165th Airlift Wing Public Affairs by calling (912) 966 -8290.

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