

Incident No: 0841

Date: October 13, 2007

Time: 09:40 HRS

Narrative:

At 0940, Medic-2 was dispatched to assist McKean at a motor vehicle accident on Interstate 90, Westbound, at the 20 mile marker. Medic-2 responded from Edinboro as per protocol and arrived on scene 14 minutes later at 0954.

The only patient found is an adult male *Meleagris Gallopave Silvestris* (Eastern Wild Turkey), weight estimated at approximately 20 lbs (9 kg) with an overall length of approximately 36" (1 meter). The patient's age is undetermined. The patient was reportedly flying east in the westbound lane of interstate 90 at an altitude of approximately 10' (3 Meters) when his path intersected the windshield of a late-model Peterbuilt that was traveling west at an estimated speed of 65 miles per hour (102 KPH). The bird's speed at the time of impact is unknown, but other specimens of *M. Gallopave* have been clocked at up to 50 miles per hour. The aerodynamic stall speed of *M. Gallopave* is unknown.

The impact resulted in a catastrophic structural failure of the Peterbuilt's windshield and the bird entered the cab while the truck remained in transit. Remarkably, the patient survived the initial impact, but was disoriented and combative upon EMS arrival. The (human) driver of the semi was able to slow his vehicle to a stop and parked on the North shoulder of the highway. The operator was then able to exit the vehicle and escape a determined assault by the wounded fowl.

Despite his injuries, *M. Gallopave* appeared determined to take vengeance upon the infernal contrivance of man that had interrupted his aerial sojourn. While under observation (at a safe distance from the vehicle), the patient was observed to destroy a citizen's band (CB) radio set, a laptop computer system, and a satellite-based communication and navigation terminal (INMARSAT-C w/ GPS Transponder.) The patient also caused extensive damage to the interior trim of the vehicle, the control panels, and vehicle wiring. McKean fire fighters attempted to summon both the Pa State Police and the Pa Game Commission. The Pa State Police were unavailable due to other emergencies in the area. The Pa Game Commission agreed to dispatch a conservation officer as soon as possible.

At this point, circumstances required that Medic-2 leave the scene and return to service in a more central location within the district. At the time of departure, the patient was still wreaking havoc within the operator's cab and sleeper cab of the Peterbuilt. Reportedly, the patient expired after suffering a gunshot wound inflicted by the "conservation officer." Presumably, the patient died from exsanguination, shock, or other trauma related to the initial accident and subsequent gunshot wound.

Medic-2 returned to service without incident.

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