

**NDRRMC UPDATE****Initial Report on Plane Crash at Masbate**

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On or about 4:30 PM 18 August 2012, a white private plane marked CESSNA from Cebu City crashed in the vicinity waters of Boulevard, Brgy Ibingay, Masbate. The plane was attempting an emergency landing but crashed more or less 500 meters short of the runway.

It was carrying the DILG Sec. Jesse Robredo, his aide-de-camp PSI Jhun Abrasado, and two pilots. PSI Abrasado was rescued by passing fishermen while Sec. Robredo and the two other pilots are now the subject of an ongoing search and rescue operation.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- PCG conducting SAR operations
- Mayor Tuazon of Masbate is spearheading the SAR operations. Designated Incident Commander is PCSUPT Darius Tuazon (Ret), PDRRMO Masbate.
- Philippine Navy deployed two (2) patrol gunboat with body no. 374 and 378 based in Aroroy Pier Masbate and Pasacao Pier Camarines Sur respectively.
- Ten (10) pumpboat have been utilized for the Search and Rescue Operations.