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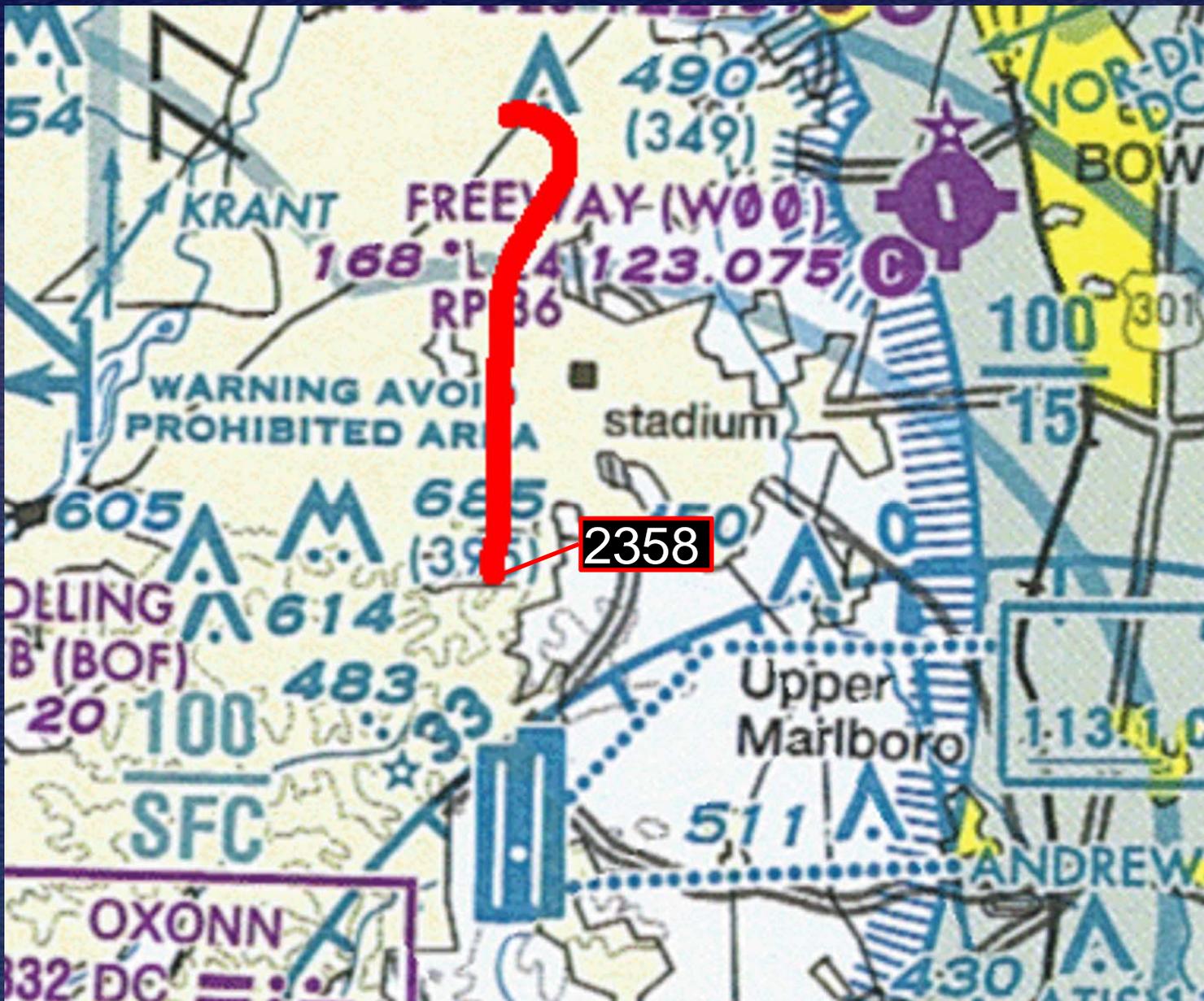
**Maryland State Police
Trooper 2
District Heights, MD**

Jason Fedok

Survival Factors Group Chairman

SYSCOM

- Dispatches, communicates with, and tracks helicopters
- GPS data allows duty officer to monitor position and route of flight



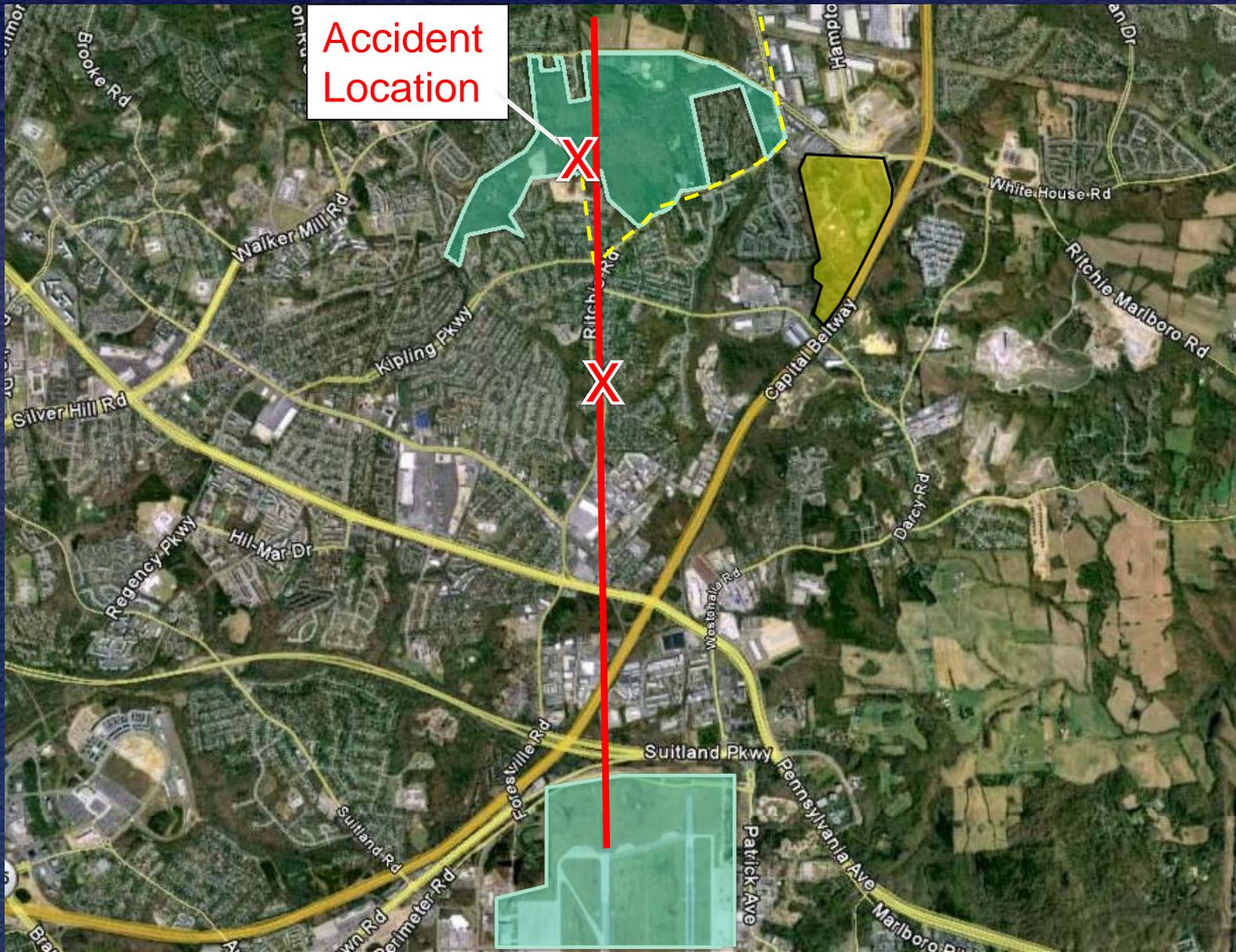
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Notifications

- Duty officer provided last known position to MSP Trooper 8 and PG County 911 dispatchers
- Trooper 8 attempted to fly to last known position coordinates; returned due to low visibility
- Trooper 8 crew drove to Walker Mill Regional Park

Search

- Trooper 8 crew arrived about 0100 but did not see helicopter or hear ELT
- Notified of cell phone “pings”
- Responded to new location
- Arrived in commercial area near cell phone tower



Accident
Location

Incident Management

- MSP barrack personnel responsible for managing incidents within their areas
- Staff unfamiliar with aviation
- Barrack commander requested assistance from Aviation Command personnel 2 hours after accident

Cell Phone “Pinging”

- Ground units distracted by extraneous information
- Obtaining location of cell phone had some merit
- Information not adequately vetted prior to dissemination



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