

# Dept. of Military Affairs: Search for pilot continues after F-16 crash in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Posted on Wednesday, Dec 9, 2020

>> **WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**



CONTACT: Capt. Leslie Westmont | [leslie.westmont@us.af.mil](mailto:leslie.westmont@us.af.mil) | 608-515-4092

To view html content with hi-res photos, copy and paste the following link in your browser: <http://dma.wi.gov/DMA/news/2020news/20261>

by 115th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

MADISON, Wis. — An F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 115th Fighter Wing at Truax Field Air National Guard Base in Madison crashed in Michigan's Upper Peninsula at approximately 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

The search for the pilot continues and the pilot's status remains unknown at this time.

The 115th Fighter Wing participated in a coordinated search effort with local emergency responders, the U.S. Coast Guard and other government agencies overnight. Search and rescue efforts on the ground, in the air, and in the water continue.

The crash site, located in Delta County, Michigan was initially secured by local emergency responders, but military personnel and safety and security personnel from the 115th Fighter Wing are now on site. Additional personnel will be sent later today to help facilitate the safety and security of the crash site.

“We are a close knit family and when an incident like this occurs, every member in our organization feels it.”, said Col. Bart Van Roo, 115th Fighter Wing commander. “Right now the safety of our pilot along with search and rescue efforts are our top priority, and we will continue to pray for the pilot’s safe return”.

The incident remains under investigation.