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USFF Statement on VFA 106 Mishap

Statement by Adm. John C. Harvey, Jr., commander, U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF), regarding VFA 106 F/A-18D crash today in Virginia Beach:

My thoughts and prayers are with our citizens and families who have been impacted by the tragic crash today in Virginia Beach by an aircraft from NAS Oceana.

I deeply regret that some in our community have lost their homes, and I, like many, pray for the well-being of all.

I must also offer my deepest gratitude to the citizens of Virginia Beach and the Mayfair Mews Apartments, as well as Virginia Beach's first responders, for their immediate and heroic response to take care of our aircrew after they ejected and all at the scene of the mishap.

I have spoken with Mayor Sessoms, and all the resources of the Navy in Hampton Roads are being made available to the City of Virginia Beach as we all deal with the impacts and recovery from this terrible mishap.

We will continue to work directly with the City of Virginia Beach and continue to provide all possible assistance.

We will conduct a complete investigation into the cause of this mishap and share all information we have as soon as we are able to do so.

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