

# Pilot Safe after Ejection from Navy T-45C Crash near NAS Kingsville, Texas



Lt. Joseph Dejunco, from Atlanta, assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) air department, signals a T-45C Goshawk attached to Training Air Wing (TW) 2 to launch from the flight deck, March 17, 2021. *U.S. NAVY / Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Riley McDowell*

CORPUS CHRISTI – On Aug. 16 at approximately 12:00 p.m. CDT, a U.S. Navy T-45C Goshawk jet trainer aircraft assigned to Training Air Wing 2 at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas, crashed on approach to NAS Kingsville, the Chief of Naval Air Training Public Affairs Office said in a release.

One instructor pilot was aboard and ejected from the aircraft. The pilot has been transported to Christus Spohn Hospital-Kleberg for further evaluation.

The aircraft impacted an empty field on Navy property just north of the airfield. NAS Kingsville Emergency Services and Kingsville Sheriff's Office responded to the scene. No civilians were harmed in this incident.

The pilot was conducting a routine training flight that originated at NAS Kingsville. The incident is under investigation.

This loss is the first for a T-45 this calendar year. Three were lost in 2021.