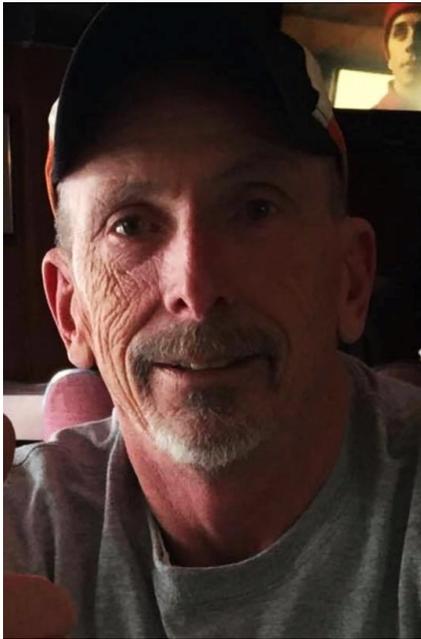


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John Beevis
Retired Staff Sgt OPP
Auxiliary

Diver Dies During Plane Crash Recovery Near Deep River, Ont.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/opp-diver-recovery-1.4681609>

May 28, 2018 CBC News

OPP identify diver who died as John Beevis, 56, of Laurentian Valley Township

A diver drowned in the Ottawa River near Deep River, Ont., on Saturday while attempting to aid in the recovery of a plane that had crashed just the day before.

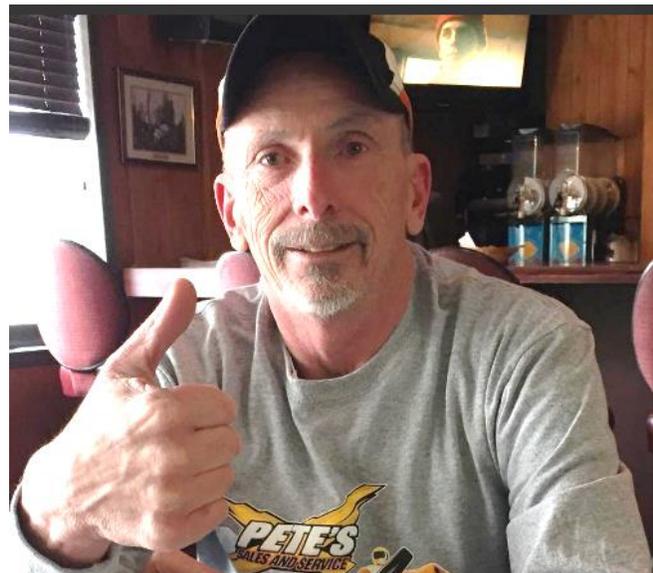
The small plane crashed into the river last Friday around 6:30 p.m, according to Ontario Provincial Police.

The plane was coming out of the Deep River airport when it lost power and the pilot made an emergency landing near Balmer Bay, which is near Laurentian Hills.

The 49-year-old pilot — only person in the plane — suffered only minor injuries and swam to shore.

The following morning a diver involved in the recovery operation became entangled in a rope attached to the plane and was unable to surface, police said.

Many OPP units and several local first responders rushed to the scene after a 911 call but they were unable to rescue the diver. Members of the OPP's Underwater Search and Recovery Unit recovered the body later on Saturday.



John Beevis

The diver has been identified as John Beevis, 56, of the Laurentian Valley Township. Police said an autopsy will be conducted and the investigation is continuing.

Diver Dies In Plane Recovery Operation

<http://www.thedailyobserver.ca/2018/05/28/diver-dies-in-plane-recovery-operation>

May 28, 2018 By Sean Chase, The Daily Observer



Sean Chase/Daily Observer An OPP police launch sits at the Deep River marina Sunday. On Saturday, a local diver died during a recovery operation in the Ottawa River near Balmer Bay.

DEEP RIVER - A local diver died Saturday after becoming entangled in a rope while attempting to recover a downed plane from the Ottawa River.

Police said Monday that 56-year-old John Beevis, of Laurentian Valley, was engaged in a recovery operation when he became entangled in a rope attached to the plane and was unable to surface. Members of the OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU) recovered the body of the male diver later that day.

The recovery operation was launched after a small private plane lost power and the pilot, who was the lone occupant of the plane, made an emergency landing on the river near Balmer Bay on Friday evening at around 6:30 p.m. Members of the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded after being notified of the incident. The 49-year-old pilot, who had departed from the Deep River airport, sustained minor injuries and was able to safely swim to shore. Transportation Safety Board (TSB) was notified and are investigating.

The operation was underway Saturday morning when the accident that claimed Beevis' life occurred. Several units of the OPP responded including the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Marine Unit, OPP Helicopter, OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), USRU, and an OPP Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO). The Deep River Police and Fire Department along with the Renfrew County Paramedics, Ornge and Garrison Petawawa Fire Department attended the scene as well. Police said an autopsy will be conducted and the investigation is continuing.

Diver Drowns Trying To Recover Downed Plane In Ottawa River

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A diver has died in the Ottawa River. Upper Ottawa Valley OPP say the man died Saturday as he was helping to recover a small plane that went down in the river near Balmer Bay in Laurentian Hills. Police say the diver became entangled in a rope attached to the plane and couldn't make it to the surface. Rescuers were not able to reach him in time and his body was recovered later that day. The man is identified as 56 year old John Beevis of Laurentian Valley. An autopsy will be done and the investigation continues. Meanwhile, the Transportation Safety Board is investigating the incident involving the plane. The 49 year old pilot sustained minor injuries and was able to swim to shore after making an emergency landing on the water around 6:30 on Friday night.



Diver Dies In Plan Recovery Operation

<https://vaaju.com/canada/diver-dies-in-plan-recovery-operation/>
May 29, 2018



DEEP RIVER – A local diver died Saturday after being tricked in a rope as he tried to restore a descending plane from the Ottawa River.

Police said Monday that 56-year-old John Beevis, Laurentian Valley, was engaged in a recovery operation when he became entangled in a rope that was attached to the plane and could not be transferred. The members of the OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU) recovered the man at the diver later that day.

The recovery operation was launched after a small private plane lost power and the pilot, the only resident of the planet, made an emergency landing on the river near Balmer Bay on Friday night around 6.30pm. Members of the Upper Ottawa Valley

Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded after being notified of the event. The 49-year-old pilot, who had resigned from the Deep River airport, experienced minor injuries and could safely swim to the beach. The Transport Safety Authority (TSB) was notified and investigated.

The operation went on Saturday morning when the accident that claimed Beevis's life occurred. Several units in OPP responded, among other things, to OPP Marine Unit, OPP Helicopter, OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), USRU and an OPP Officer (SOCO). Deep River Police and Fire Department together with Renfrew County Paramedics, Ornge and Garrison Petawawa Fire Department also participated in the scene. The police said that an autopsy will be conducted and the investigation will continue.

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The recovery operation was launched after a small private plane lost power and the pilot, who was the lone occupant of the plane, made an emergency landing on the river near Balmer Bay on Friday evening at around 6:30 p.m. Members of the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded after being notified of the incident. The 49-year-old pilot, who had departed from the Deep River airport, sustained minor injuries and was able to safely swim to shore. Transportation Safety Board (TSB) was notified and are investigating.

The operation was underway Saturday morning when the accident that claimed Beevis' life occurred. Several units of the OPP responded including the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Marine Unit, OPP Helicopter, OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), USRU, and an OPP Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO). The Deep River Police and Fire Department along with the Renfrew County Paramedics, Ornge and Garrison Petawawa Fire Department attended the scene as well. Police said an autopsy will be conducted and the investigation is continuing.

Diver Dies During Recovery Effort Of Downed Plane In Ottawa River

[Http://Ottawacitizen.Com/News/Local-News/Diver-Dies-During-Recovery-Effort-Of-Downed-Plane-In-Ottawa-River](http://Ottawacitizen.Com/News/Local-News/Diver-Dies-During-Recovery-Effort-Of-Downed-Plane-In-Ottawa-River)

May 28, 2018 Paula Mccooey Ontario Provincial Police Julie Oliver / Ottawa Citizen



A diver who worked to recover a small plane that plunged into the Ottawa River died during the recovery effort on Saturday, police said Monday.

John Beevis, 56, of Laurentian Valley Township became entangled in a rope attached to the plane — which made a forced landing on Friday near Balmer Bay on the Ottawa River in the town of Laurentian Hills. The 49-year-old pilot, who had departed from the Deep River airport, suffered minor injuries when he set the plane down in the

river after it lost power. He was able to swim to shore.

Beevis was helping to retrieve the aircraft from the bottom of the river. Efforts made by others at the scene to reach him were unsuccessful.

Several units of the OPP, along with the Renfrew County Paramedics and Garrison Petawawa Fire Department, responded to a 911 call. Members of the OPP underwater search and recovery unit recovered the body later that day. An autopsy was to be conducted and the investigation was continuing.



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News Release/ Communiqué

FROM/DE: Upper Ottawa Valley OPP

DATE: May 28, 2018

PLANE MAKES EMERGENCY LANDING ON THE OTTAWA RIVER *Man Dies During Recovery Effort The Following Day*

(LAURENTIAN HILLS, ON) – On May 25, 2018 at approximately 6:30 p.m., a small private plane lost power and the pilot, who was the lone occupant of the plane, made an emergency landing near Balmer Bay on the Ottawa River in the Town of Laurentian Hills. Members of the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded after being notified of the incident. The 49-year-old pilot, who had departed from the Deep River airport, sustained minor injuries and was able to safely swim to shore. Transportation Safety Board (TSB) was notified and are investigating. The Ministry of the Environment was also notified.

On May 26, 2018 at approximately 11 a.m., a diver involved in the recovery effort of the plane became entangled in a rope attached to the plane and was unable to surface. A 9-1-1 call was placed and efforts made by others on scene to reach the diver were unsuccessful. Several units of the OPP responded including the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Marine Unit, OPP Helicopter, OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU), and an OPP Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO). The Deep River Police and Fire Department along with the Renfrew County Paramedics, Ornge and Garrison Petawawa Fire Department attended the scene as well.

Members of the OPP USRU recovered the body of the male diver later that day. Deceased is 56-year-old John BEEVIS of Laurentian Valley Township. An autopsy will be conducted and the investigation is continuing.

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Drowning Death In Ottawa River After Emergency Landing Of Airplane

<https://www.ottawamatters.com/police-beat/drowning-death-in-ottawa-river-after-emergency-landing-of-airplane-937189>

Mike Vlasveld



The pilot of a plane, forced to land on water near Laurentian Hills, made it out safely. Police continue to investigate the recovery effort of the aircraft.

One man is dead after trying to recover a plane from the bottom of the Ottawa River, near Balmer Bay.

A small private plane lost power around 6:30 p.m. last Friday, forcing the pilot to make an emergency landing near the bay in Laurentian Hills.

The 49-year-old pilot, who had taken off from the Deep River airport, suffered minor injuries in the landing but was able to swim to shore.

The next morning, around 11 a.m., a diver involved in the recovery effort of the plane became entangled in a rope, which was attached to the sunken craft, making it impossible for him to surface.

A 911 call was placed and efforts were made by others on scene to reach the diver, but they were unsuccessful. Several units of the OPP responded, along with The Deep River Police and Fire Department, Renfrew County Paramedics, Ornge and Garrison Petawawa Fire Department.

The body of John Beevis, 56, of Laurentian Valley Township was recovered later Saturday afternoon. An autopsy is expected to be conducted as a police investigation continues.

OPP Identify Diver Who Died Trying To Recover Crashed Plane In Ottawa River

<https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/opp-identify-diver-who-died-trying-to-recover-crashed-plane-in-ottawa-river-1.3949884>

May 29, 2018 Ted Raymond, Newstalk 580 CFRA



File photo. (Daryl Gibson / CTV Viewer)

Ontario Provincial Police have identified a diver who died while trying to recover a small plane that crashed into the Ottawa River last week.

Police say the small, private plane made an emergency landing in the water near Laurentian Hills Friday at around 6:30 p.m. after losing power.

The 49-year-old pilot was the only person on board. He was hurt, but was able to swim safely to shore.

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However, the next day, police say 56-year-old diver John Beevis, of Laurentian Valley Township, became tangled in a rope attached to the plane during the recovery operation. He was unable to surface. His body was recovered later that day.

OPP say an autopsy will be conducted and the investigation continues. The Transportation Safety Board was notified of the crash, and is investigating. The Ministry of the Environment was also notified.

Obituary for John Beevis

<https://obitree.com/obituary/ca/ontario/pembroke/the-murphy-funeral-home/john-beevis/3527104/>
October 17, 1961 - May 26, 2018

John Beevis

Employee City of Pembroke, Retired Staff Sgt OPP Auxiliary , Member Renfrew County Chapter Harley Owners Group

Tragically, on Saturday May 26, 2018 at Deep River at the age of 56 years.

John Beevis of Pembroke, beloved husband and best friend of Alysia Beevis (nee Lubitz). Son of the late Beverley and Lois (nee Coldwell) Beevis. Predeceased by his sister Joy Docheff. Loved brother-in-law of Antaire Lubitz (Cindy) and the late Arrana Lubitz. Loved and missed by his niece Sheena Lubitz and nephew Austin Lubitz, his mother-in-law Angela Lubitz and father-in-law Murray Lubitz. John will be forever in the hearts of his extended family and friends especially his "Brothers" Pete Wrigglesworth, John Sucee, Daryl Kisslinger, Steve Posthumus, Brent Jackson, Lis and Andy Rathier and Dean Stresman.



John Beevis

Friends are invited to share their memories of John with his family during visitation at the MURPHY FUNERAL HOME, 296 Isabella Street, Pembroke on Sunday June 3 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday morning June 4, 2018 at 11 o'clock in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Miller Street, Pembroke. Interment Zion Lutheran Cemetery. In memory of John, donations to the John Beevis Memorial Bursary Fund would be appreciated. Condolences, tributes, donations www.murphyfuneralhome.ca.



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John Beevis, a former Auxillary OPP Officer and seen here in 2006 recovering a pickup truck that crashed through the ice at Mink Lake, drowned over the weekend while attempting to recover a plane that sunk in the Ottawa River. Full coverage of this brave man's career. We extend our condolences to family and friends of this man.