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## Top DEP Stories

Morning Call: Crews responding to Northampton fire; drivers should avoid area

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/02/04/crews-responding-to-fire-in-northampton-county/>

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WTAE: Oil spill extends nearly 2 miles down river after containment tanks leak at Westmoreland County steel plant

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<https://www.dailylocal.com/2025/02/03/philadelphia-plane-crash-impact-zone-sean-duffy/>

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<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/a/timeline-plane-crash-northeast-philadelphia-20250203.html>

Mayor Cherelle Parker is seeking state and federal aid in the Northeast Philly plane crash recovery  
<https://www.inquirer.com/politics/philadelphia/northeast-philadelphia-plane-crash-homes-destroyed-20250203.html>

A rainy night, a crashed plane, and in the chaotic aftermath, 'you see the best of Philly' | Editorial  
<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/editorials/northeast-philadelphia-plane-crash-trump-military-helicopter-20250203.html>

Philly Voice: Jet crash in Northeast Philly is among the city's 'worst black swan events,' Mayor Parker says  
<https://www.phillyvoice.com/northeast-philly-jet-crash-parker-ntsb-black-box-resources-town-hall/>

WHYY: 'Like a big bomb': NE Philly residents shaken by Friday's plane crash  
<https://billypenn.com/2025/02/03/ne-philly-plane-crash-residents-reactions/>

The Latin Sun: Plane Crash Updates: Road Closures and Community Support  
<https://elsolnewsmedia.com/investigaciones-accidente-aereo-philadelphia/>

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