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MHAFB pilot killed in crash at deployed location

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho – An Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle crashed at 9:06 a.m. MST March 28, 2012, approximately 15 miles outside of a base in Southwest Asia, killing one crewmember and injuring the second.

The injured crewmember was evacuated to a military medical facility for treatment of minor injuries. A team of military first responders was sent to the crash site.

“This is obviously a very sad day for the Gunfighters, as we mourn the loss of one of our warriors,” said Col. Ron Buckley, 366th Fighter Wing Commander. “Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time.”

More than 300 Mountain Home AFB Airmen are currently deployed to support F-15E overseas contingency missions designed to deliver combat air power for joint operations and to meet ground commander requirements.

The cause of the mishap is under investigation and the name of the deceased will be released by the Department of Defense, no earlier than 24 hours after the next-of-kin notification.