

MarkAir: Crash in Unalakleet caused by pilot

MarkAir's Flight Standards Board has completed its investigation of the crash on June 2 of Flight 3087 near Unalakleet, and the board determined the cause of the crash of its Boeing 737 to be pilot error.

The findings of the investigation clearly show the pilot in command, Capt. Glenn Smith, did not follow approved approach procedures, according to MarkAir. Smith's employment with MarkAir has been terminated effective Aug. 16.

First Officer Robert Fell has been suspended from all duties at MarkAir for a period of five months effective June 2.

MarkAir's decision regarding Smith was made independent of the fact that he is also a pilot for the Alaska Air National Guard. Any action regarding Smith's military flight status will be determined by the Guard.