

TRUAX AIRCRAFT CRASH SUMMARY (partial)



1952:

- An F-51 fighter plane crashed in flames at Truax, spraying the area with 600 rounds of .50-caliber slugs. Nine houses were struck and two people were injured by the bullets.
- An F-80 Shooting Star crashed in a farm field near Cottage Grove, killing the pilot.

1953:

- Four jet interceptors took off from Truax in a blinding snowstorm. All four were unable to find the field during the return trip, ran out of fuel and crashed. Two pilots bailed out, two others were killed.
- A Truax Air Force transport plane struck a car on HW 51, ripping off the top of it and killing all four passengers.
 - A National Guard propeller plane crash-landed at Truax, injuring the pilot.
- A Truax Air Force jet crashed into the Arboretum, killing two pilots.
- An F-86 Sabre and F-89 Scorpion collided in mid-air. One plane attempted to make it back to Truax but crashed in a farm field near Deerfield, injuring the pilot. The other plane crashed near Watertown, injuring the pilot and killing the radar operator.

1954:

- F-86D Sabre crashed in the front yard of a house on Highway CV. No fatalities.
- A Truax Air force F89C jet crashed and exploded about 200 yards east of HW 51, killing the pilot. The article on the crash said the death was "the 11th person to die in air disasters from Truax Field in the past four years" and "Nine fliers have been injured in that time."

1955: A faltering F-86 steered away from HW 51 to avoid cars, skidded to stop along grass turf at Truax

1957: F102 ran out of fuel, bailed near Middleton; pilot ejected safely

1958: A Truax fighter plane crashed into Lake Monona, killing the pilot

1959: ANG fighter jet crashed into a ship in Milwaukee harbor, near residences; no injuries

1963: F102 crashed through runway barrier at Truax; no injuries

1964: F89 Scorpion jet crashed during takeoff from Truax, killing radar observer

1967: Truax jet crashed 1000 feet north of the Truax runway, killing pilot, severely injuring co-pilot

1975: Truax ANG training plane crashed near Lodi, killing pilot

1975: Army helicopter made emergency landing in farm field in N. Illinois. (Army said it did not "crash," it just landed). The helicopter carried nuclear components.

1985: ANG jet from Volk Field crashed near grade school in Arena (west of Madison); pilots parachuted out safely before crash

1994: ANG jet crash landed, burst into flames at Truax Field, producing a "mushroom cloud" visible from the capitol. It came to rest "just a few hundred yards from a busy commercial street" according to newspaper articles. The pilot was injured but survived

1995: Truax ANG jet crashed in flames near a farmhouse near Eau Claire; pilot ejected and survives

2002: F-16 was in trouble and dropped two fuel tanks into Lake Mendota. Pilot landed safely.

2011: Truax ANG jet crashed in Adams Co. Pilot not injured

2016: Truax F-16 crashed a ways north of Madison; pilot ejected, no injuries.