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**TIA EMERGENCY LANDING**  
Saturday, August 10, 2002



**Live**

This FedEx plane was stranded at a TIA runway on Saturday.

Business has resumed at Tampa International Airport after a stranded FedEx DC-10 plane caused some flight delays on a runway.

The pilot reported a hydraulic problem onboard Saturday morning around 5:45. The pilot also radioed the tower saying he wasn't sure if the landing gear had locked.

After circling the airport for almost a half hour burning fuel, the pilot finally landed the plane shortly after 6am. When the airplane landed on the runway, the pilot shutoff the engine and, in turn, locked the tires. All eight of its tires blew out when the plane landed on Runway 36 West. Four tires blew as the plane touched down and four others were deflated after they caught fire. Tampa Fire Rescue Captain Bill Wade says, "That fire -- had it reached up into the compartment of the aircraft or had it reached the fuel, we could of had a tragedy like we saw last week in Tallahassee. Fortunately, that wasn't the case."

Brenda Goehagan with TIA says three crew members and one passenger exited the plane through emergency chutes.

The FedEx cargo plane sat on the runway most of Saturday, waiting for eight new tires to be flown in.

Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration

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and the National Transportation Safety Board were called to the site.

This is the second accident in Florida in two weeks involving a FedEx plane. Three crew members escaped an accident in Tallahassee with minor injuries two weeks ago. The two accidents aren't linked.

The FedEx plane was carrying low level radioactive material. Tampa Fire Rescue's Hazmat team was called out as a precaution. Fortunately, none of the containers holding the radioactive material were damaged in the emergency landing.

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A banner advertisement for West Marine. On the left, the West Marine logo is displayed in blue, with the tagline "We make boating more fun!" and a link "- CLICK HERE -". To the right, the text "Best Selection" is written in a red, cursive font, with "BEST VALUE" and "Best Service" in blue, sans-serif fonts below it. The background of the banner shows a blue sky with white clouds and the sails of several sailboats. On the far right, the text "A Time W" and "© 20C" are visible.

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