SCOUTS, PILOT SURVIVE SMALL PLANE CRASH IN NEW MEXICO

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Three boy scouts and their **pilot** are alive after a **small plane crash** in **New Mexico**.

KRQE-TV reports that the four-seat 1952 Beechcraft crashed in Belen on Saturday morning, about 2 miles from its final destination.

Scouts Levi Jensen, Talon Bennett and Jacob Brooks were flying with a pilot they knew from church as part of the work required for them to earn an aviation badge.

The plane left the Belen airport around 10:30 a.m., flew to Albuquerque and was on its way back when the scouts realized something was wrong.

They told KRQE-TV that the pilot was calm and focused as he tried to land, but the plane clipped a bush near a dirt road and started to spin.

Belen is about 35 miles south of Albuquerque.

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Valencia County Sheriff's deputies are investigating.

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