# Squadron Leader Mark Long Dies in Spitfire Crash near RAF Coningsby



Squadron Leader Mark Long has died following a crash involving a Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) near RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire. The incident occurred on May 25, 2024, at around 1:20 PM on Langrick Road, where police and emergency services arrived promptly but pronounced Long dead at the scene.

Following the crash, the cause of which is currently unknown, the Royal Air Force (RAF) has temporarily paused BBMF flying operations. As a result of this ongoing investigation, BBMF aircraft are not expected to participate in the D-Day 80 commemorations scheduled for June 5-6, 2024.

The Defence Air Investigation Branch is continuing its inquiry into the incident. RAF Coningsby houses the BBMF, which includes a fleet of historic wartime aircraft such as six remaining airworthy Spitfires. The BBMF is known for its role in airshows and memorial displays.