The airplane slid off the icy pavement and into frozen and muddy turf as it turned while taxing back to the terminal. The event resulted in the nose and left main landing gears becoming buried up to the axle and closure of the single-runway Youngstown airport. SOAR was immediately notified by the airline Monday night and was on site, with a recovery crew, early Tuesday.

SOAR performed the field recovery in fifteen-degree temperatures, and under the urgency to re-open the Youngstown airport. Due to extensive field recovery experience, SOAR immediately provided a plan and coordinated its resources with the airline and the local National Guard. The aircraft was promptly recovered from field to taxiway within eight hours and the event provided the Guard a valuable training opportunity.

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