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PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- A crippled plane that was evacuated after its nose gear collapsed during an attempted takeoff has been removed from the runway at Philadelphia International Airport.



Investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board will examine the plane to try to determine the cause of the accident.

Officials say US Airways Flight 1702 was heading for Fort Lauderdale, Fla., shortly after 6 p.m. Thursday when a tire on the front landing gear blew out, forcing the pilot to abort takeoff.

The Airbus A320 jet was carrying 149 passengers and five crew members. An airport spokeswoman says two passengers requested medical attention, but no serious injuries were reported.

WCAU-TV reports that most passengers boarded a new flight that landed in Florida shortly after 2 a.m. Friday, but some opted to stay in Philadelphia.