

Aircraft Accident



Midland International
Air & Space Port

Event Information

Report # 141

Location Secondary Location Date: Time:
Other 8/10/2015 13:06

Location Description

Midland, Tx - Windlands Park South of KMDD.

Narrative

At approximately 1306L on 8/10/15, I, Justin Millican (Deputy Director of Airports) received information regarding a helicopter crash in Midland. Airport Operations contacted MPD dispatch and verified an aircraft was reported down at [REDACTED] in Midland. Myself and Police, [REDACTED] responded. Airport Electrician Steve Hirst reported he was in the area and I asked him to respond. Before I arrived on scene, information had filtered back to Airport Operations and they initiated the Emergency call down list.

Upon arrival, I found Midland Police Department, Midland Fire, and TxDPS on scene. The pilot and passenger had been removed from the aircraft and TxDPS had set up a police line around the accident site and debris. I made contact with law enforcement who advised there were two (2) passengers inside the aircraft when it went down. The pilot (Trace Denise) had just been placed into an ambulance and was being transported to Midland Memorial Hospital complaining of minor back pain. The passenger (Gary Painter) was up and walking around claiming no injuries or need for medical attention.

At the site, I observed the aircraft, N743SS, laying on it's right side with significant damage to the main rotor, mast, tail, and the propeller on the pusher engine. I was unable to speak with the Pilot before he was transported, but MPD and TxDPS responded to the hospital to interview the pilot once the initial site survey was completed.

I received information from the passenger and other law enforcement that the aircraft was doing a demonstration for the Sheriff and possibly others out of KMDD. Passenger reported they took off heading south and when they made their "right hand turn" they lost lift and began to descend rapidly. The pilot was unable to recover the aircraft and it impacted the ground shortly after. It was also reported that the pusher engine did not fail and continued to run until impact.

The scene was then documented and a search was conducted for any other debris. Once all the debris was located and the aircraft had been released by FSDO, Action wrecker arrived with a flat bed car hauler to retrieve the aircraft. The aircraft was flipped over and loaded onto the truck to be transported to the owner's requested location.

Nothing further.

Comments

Environmental Information

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METAR KMDD 111655Z AUTO 00000KT 10SM CLR 32/15 A3021 RMK
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Observations
Clear and Hot. Approximately 100 degrees plus.