



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: September 23, 2016
Person Contacted: Scott Scepaniak – Flight nurse
NTSB Accident Number: CEN16FA372

Narrative: In a telephone conversation with Mr. Scepaniak, he stated the following:

- Was dispatched to Alexandria (AXN), the pilot checked the weather, which was IFR and he filed an IFR flight plan to AXN
- He had flown with the pilot ~6 times prior to the accident flight. Mr. Scepaniak was a casual (part time) employee so he didn't fly with North Memorial all the time
- They jumped in the helicopter and departed as usual
- While en route to AXN the crew discussed how they were going to reach the patient upon arrival
- The IFR flight to AXN was uneventful
- The helicopter descended toward AXN and he could see the runway lights through the fog
- They were over the runway because he could see the runway lights but they were in the fog
- He couldn't determine the altitude of the helicopter when they were in the fog
- They never broke out of the fog and the pilot said they weren't going to break out of the fog and they would go-around
- When asked why the pilot executed a go-around, he stated that he did not know
- The helicopter banked to the right and then shuddered and the alarms and bells went off
- The helicopter shudder was "on the lighter side" of intensity and he had never felt the helicopter shudder like that before
- The engines sounded normal throughout the flight
- He did not recall any unusual sounds or anomalies with the helicopter until the shudder
- He couldn't recall if the helicopter spun during the event. He could only see fog
- He couldn't recall if there was any precipitation at the time of the event

End of conversation.

Statement of Scott Scepaniak

1. I am employed on a part-time basis with North Memorial Health Care (NMHC) as a Flight Nurse. I am licensed as a registered nurse in the State of Minnesota.
2. I was a crew member on the medical transport helicopter flight from Brainerd, MN to Alexandria, MN on September 17, 2016 that ended when the aircraft crashed at the Alexandria airport. Joshua Jones, the pilot, and Miles Weske, a paramedic, were also onboard.
3. I recall the aircraft departing for Alexandria on an IFR flight plan and, as we neared our destination, receiving clearances at Alexandria and descending. I recall seeing the runway lights at Alexandria. I also saw fog. The pilot stated to the crew that we were not going to break out of the clouds and that he was going to do a go around.
4. I recall the aircraft lifting and feeling a shudder. I recall that the aircraft was banking right. I heard alarms sound in the aircraft. The next thing I remember is waking up to a fireman telling me I was going to be okay.