



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Michael Newhall – FAA Inspector
NTSB Accident Number: CEN18LA025

Narrative:

During the conversation, Inspector Newhall stated the following:

Law enforcement officers on scene reported to the inspector that the helicopter was assisting in locating and herding 300 cattle that were loose in a corn field, near where the helicopter crashed. Multiple witnesses reported that the helicopter struck powerlines prior to impacting the ground.

The tailboom separated from the fuselage, the fuselage was crushed and wrinkled, and both main rotor blades were damaged. An examination of the helicopter and its systems revealed no mechanical anomalies.

The powerlines were about 70 ft above the ground. The static line at the top was damaged and paint transfer was noted on the static line at the area that was damaged.