

Texas Parks and Wildlife
Field Interview Report

Field Contact Details

Contact ID 2010	Contact Type Medical Emergency	Contact Date 11/04/2018 01:30 Hrs	Owner Dennis Gazaway
Agency GW R5D2	Agency Only N	Summary Helicopter Crash	

Notes

On November 04, 2018 at approximately 01:30 I heard a radio transmission from the Uvalde Police Department dispatch center regarding a possible helicopter crash 15 miles north of Uvalde, Texas near state highway 55. Uvalde Dispatch advised that the civil air patrol stated that a distress beacon had been activated and that the helicopter had not arrived at its destination. Uvalde Dispatch advised that air assets from US Customs and TXDPS. were unavailable. We also attempted TPWD, Med Air, and Airlife helicopters but were also unsuccessful due to weather conditions. While I was en route to the staging area, I made contact United States Border Patrol agents who came to assist. I obtained a possible GPS coordinate from a Uvalde County Sheriffs Deputy that had been given to him by the civil air patrol. USBP agents and TXDPS troopers assisted in trying to locate the crash site. At approximately 2:30 we entered the Stone ranch off of highway 55, and began to search for the crash site but were unsuccessful. We had gathered another possible location for the crash site. I was contacted by Captain Game Warden Andrew Alexander who advised me that TXDPS helicopter (107) from San Antonio would launch around daybreak. I retrieved my ATV and contacted Game Warden Rachel Kellner to assist. I was contacted by 107 who advised me that they were on location but unsuccessful in near that area. I relayed the set of GPS coordinates that I had received earlier and advised them that the crash may be on the other side of the hill where we had ended our initial search during the night. 107 advised me that they had picked up a distress signal then advised that they had located the crash site. Warden Kellner and I entered the same ranch and began to the crash site. As we were travelling to the site, 107 had advised me that the family of the victims had been escorted to the site by a private helicopter. Warden Kellner and I arrived at the crash site at approximately 07:15. With the family present we were able to identify the helicopter and the three victims. I maintained contact with various other first responding agencies to help them arrive at the site to assist. The family that was present had left, Warden Kellner and I maintained the integrity of the scene until FAA arrived. Warden Kellner and I departed scene.

Officers

Role Assisting	Name Game Warden Rachel Kellner	Badge# [REDACTED]	Agency GW Region 5
Role Approving	Name GAME WARDEN CAPTAIN SHEA ELLIOT GUINN	Badge# [REDACTED]	Agency GW R5D2
Role Reporting	Name Game Warden Dennis Ray Gazaway	Badge# [REDACTED]	Agency GW R5D2