

N3264U Inspector Statement

On December 20, 2020 at 6:15 PM Inspector Anthony was informed by Mr. Pottle, about an occurrence that happened at Morris Municipal Airport C09, 9980 N. Rt. 47, Morris, IL 60450.

Inspector Anthony made arrangements with Mr. Jeff Vogen to look at the helicopter. Inspector Anthony arrived at C09 at 9:00 AM on December 21, 2020. Mr. Vogen escorted Inspector Anthony to the helicopter which was laying on its right side in the grass just west of the ramp. Inspector Anthony took photographs of the ramp area that had ground scaring on the cement. Then photographs of the aircraft were taken.

Photograph IMG-1155 shows two white marks in the cement along with some dark red paint. The white marks are about 2.5 feet long and about 2.5 feet apart with dark red paint between and extending east the marks. Photograph IMG-1160 shows the tail rotor with curled tips and one bent blade. Photograph IMG-1161 shows the tail boom broken. The skid mounts are bent and both skids are damaged. The fuselage midway between the fore and aft skid mounts is wrinkled. The left windshield is out and in front of the helicopter. Both main rotor blades are bent in multiple places.

Mr. Jeff Vogen operated a tractor with a bucket while Mr. Bill Button manned a tow strap and chain to pull the helicopter upright and onto the ramp. Once the helicopter was sitting upright inspector Anthony conducted a control continuity check. The tail rotor foot pedals were actuated. Full pedal movement was not achieved, the left pedal had more movement than the right pedal. The tail rotor head responded to the input in the expected direction. The cyclic control was actuated and the controls responded as expected but did not have full range. The collective was raised and lowered with the expected result the. The engine throttle operated smoothly. The carb heat moved in and out smoothly and the mixture control moved in and out smoothly. The right side of the helicopter had a wrinkled fuselage and both struts were broken and bent. A short security video is included showing the event.

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