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Date:

Date of Accident: 07/20/2022

Subject:

CEN22LA234 Memorandum for the Record
Summary of NTSB IIC and Passenger Telephone Conversation

Contact:

Alex Lemishko, NTSB IIC and Passenger (Spouse of Pilot)

The pilot was asked to submit an NTSB Form 6120 to the NTSB IIC. The NTSB did not receive the form from the pilot. However, the passenger relayed the following information to the NTSB IIC in a telephone call:

- The pilot was practicing hover takeoffs and landings in a crosswind at Henderson County Airport (RFI). She stated that while hovering before a landing, the helicopter "shuttered," and the left skid contacted the ground. The helicopter rolled onto its left side.
- The pilot went unconscious inside the helicopter after the accident. Both she and the pilot were rescued by airport emergency personnel. The pilot was airlifted, and she was ground transported to a nearby hospital.
- The pilot recently purchased the helicopter in January of 2022. He held a valid airline transport certificate for single and multi-engine airplanes. He recently added a private rotorcraft rating on April 18, 2022. She estimated his total helicopter time was about 50 hours.