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Subject: Record of Conversation - N84688

Contact: Summer Olson, Owner Quad Cities Aero

This is a summary of a conversation held with the owner of Quad Cities Aero, Moline, IL.

Mrs. Olson and I discussed how solo student pilots typically dispatch airplanes. She explained that students check in with their primary instructor before launching to review weather, weight and balance, and flight planning. The flight school gives a standardized pre-solo exam to all students. The first page of that exam lists solo endorsement limitations which students must sign and date. Mrs. Olson said that on the day of the accident, the student was to check in with her because the student's primary instructor was in Europe. The student never called Mrs. Olson to discuss weather and the flight. Mrs. Olson said that if the student had called her, she would have told the student not to fly based on the forecasted winds. She also explained that runway 23 was closed during the duration of the student's flight because the recent snowfall had not been cleared from the runway.