

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Carthage State: IL

ZIP: 62321 Country: United States

Latitude: N 40 22' 14.6" Longitude: W 091 03' 07.8"

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time

Date: 08/06/2023 Local Time: 0107
mm/dd/yyyy

Time Zone: CDT

Collision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N288AE

Manufacturer: Bell TEXTRON

Model: 206L-3

Serial Number: 51327

Year of Manufacture: 1989

Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Kit/Plans ☐ Original Design Make: Bell @06L-3

☐ IFR-Equipped and Certified

☐ Commercial Space Flight

☐ Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 4450 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 4190 lbs

Number of Seats: 3 Flight Crew Seats: 1

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: 2

Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft

- ☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate

(Check all that apply)

Standard

☒ Normal

☐ Aerobatic

☐ Balloon

☐ Commuter

☐ Transport

☐ Utility

Special

☐ Restricted

☐ Limited

☐ Provisional

☐ Special Flight

☐ Experimental

☐ Special Light-Sport

☐ Experimental Light-Sport

☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)

☐ None

☐ Unknown

Landing Gear

(Check all that apply)

☐ Retractable

☐ Tricycle

☐ Amphibian

☐ Emergency Float

☐ Float

☐ Hull

☐ Other Launch/Recovery System

☐ None

☐ Tailwheel

☐ High Skid

☒ Skid

☐ Ski

☐ Ski/Wheel

☐ Unknown

Engine Type (Select one)

☐ Reciprocating

☒ Turbo Shaft

☐ Turbo Prop

☐ Turbo Jet

☐ Turbo Fan

☐ Electric

☐ Liquid Rocket

☐ Solid Rocket

☐ Hybrid Rocket

☐ None

☐ Unknown

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

☐ Carburetor

☐ Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Rated Power ☐ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Allison	250-C30	CAE-860027	09-12-1978	650	5359.8	70.50	70.50
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

☐ 100-Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness

☒ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection

☐ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: 07/22/2023

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 17364.5 hrs

hours measured at (Select one)

☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

Type of Maintenance Program (Select one)

☐ Annual

☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)

☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program

☒ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)

☐ Continuous Airworthiness

☐ Other, specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

☐ None

☒ Specify: Hand Held Fire Extinguisher (A-344T)

Propeller 1

☐ Fixed Pitch

☐ Controllable Pitch

☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Propeller 2

☐ Fixed Pitch

☐ Controllable Pitch

☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes:

ELT Manufacturer: ATREX

Model or Part No.: 453-6603

TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)

☒ C126 (406 MHz)

Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Was ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did ELT Activate? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If activated:

Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not activated:

Indicate Reason: ☒ Impact Damage

☐ Fire Damage

☐ Battery Expired/Damaged

☐ Unknown

Additional Equipment (Check all that apply)

☒ ADS-B

☐ Airframe Parachute

☐ Angle of Attack Indicator

☒ Autopilot

☐ Data Recorder

☒ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device

☒ Electronic Multifunction Display

☐ Electronic Primary Flight Display

☐ Handheld GPS

☐ Heads Up Display

☐ Onboard Weather

☒ Satellite Tracking Device

☐ Stall Warning System

☐ Video Recording Device

☐ Other, Specify: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Air Evac EMS, Inc.City: O FallonState: MOZIP: 63368Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ NoCountry: United States**Operator of Aircraft**☐ Same As Registered Owner☒ Same Address as Registered OwnerName: Air Evac EMS, IncCity: O FallonDoing Business As: Air Evac LifeteamState: MOZIP: 63368Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): EVCA731DCountry: United States**Operating Certificates Held**

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121)
☐ Supplemental
☐ Air Cargo
☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)
☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133)
☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)
☒ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135)
☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136)
☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)
☐ Pilot School (FAR 141)
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ Commercial Space Transportation
Experimental Permit
☐ Commercial Space Transportation License
☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft

Regulation Flight Conducted Under

- ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415
☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431
☐ FAR 121 ☒ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435
☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437
- ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight
☐ Non-US, Commercial
☐ Non-US, Non-commercial
- ☐ Public Aircraft (Select one)
☐ Armed Forces
☐ Federal
☐ State
☐ Local
☐ Unknown

Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135

(Select one for each group)

- ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic
☒ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International
- ☒ Passenger
☐ Cargo
☐ Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137

(Select one)

- ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Firefighting ☐ Unknown
☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test
☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow
☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional
☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use
☐ Business ☐ Personal
☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning
☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving
☐ Ferry

Revenue Sightseeing Flight☐ Yes ☒ No**Air Medical Flight**☒ Yes ☐ No**AIRPORT INFORMATION** (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)

Airport Name: _____

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Airport Identifier: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. msl

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Unknown

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach
☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around
☐ Initial Climb ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling
☐ Unknown

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Stop and Go
☐ Straight-In ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Unknown

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 1" INFORMATION

"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☒ Pilot
 ☐ Co-Pilot
 ☐ Student Pilot
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Check Pilot
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 1" was pilot flying ☒ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 1" Identification

First Name: John

City of Residence: Winfield

Middle Initial: P

State: IA ZIP: 52659

Last Name: Martin

Country: United States

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 53 Date of Birth: [REDACTED] mm/dd/yyyy

Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

Degree of Injury ☒ None ☐ Fatal ☐ Minor ☐ Unknown ☐ Serious	Seat Occupied ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown ☒ Right ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single	Restraint Type <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td> ☒ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown </td> <td> ☐ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☒ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown </td> </tr> </table>	Available	Used	☒ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Lap only ☐ 3-point ☒ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	Inflatable Restraints ☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown								
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Principal Occupation ☒ Pilot ☐ Other ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate ☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only) ☒ Class 2 ☐ Unknown	Medical Certificate Validity ☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown ☒ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A ☐ Special Issuance	Date of Last Medical <u>02/10/2023</u> mm/dd/yyyy
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Medical Certificate Limitations

Must use corrective lens to meet vision standards at all distances.

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

10/10/2022
mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Bell

Model: 206

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☒ Single-Engine Land ☐ Single-Engine Sea ☐ Multiengine Land ☐ Multiengine Sea	Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airship ☐ Balloon ☐ Glider ☐ Gyroplane ☒ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Airplane ☒ Helicopter ☐ Powered Lift	Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Gyroplane ☐ Powered Lift ☐ Instrument Airplane ☐ Instrument Helicopter ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider ☐ Sport
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Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	4142	3324			1622	29	110	4142		
Pilot in Command (PIC)	3925	3324			1266	29	110	3925		
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	66.5	67			31					
Last 30 Days	18.6	19			9					
Last 24 Hours	3.3	3			3					

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)									
Crew Name and Address					Seat Occupied		Injury		
First Name: <u>Amanda</u> City of Residence: <u>Fort Madison</u> Middle Initial: <u>M</u> State: <u>IA</u> ZIP: <u>52627</u> Last Name: <u>Kane</u> Country: <u>United States</u>					☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☒ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown		
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer					Restraint Type: Available ☒ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☒ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown		Inflatable Restraints ☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown		
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First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____					☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Center ☐ Rear ☐ Right ☐ Single ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown		
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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)									
Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Available	Used	Inflatable Restraints	Age			
First Name: _____ City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If Under 5, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown			
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>AE59 Base</u> City: <u>Fort Madison</u> State: <u>Iowa</u> Country: <u>United States</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>0051</u> Time Zone: <u>CDT</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>40 22.2, -091 3.1'</u> City: <u>4.7 NM SE of Carthage</u> State: <u>Illinois</u> Country: <u>United States</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed ☐ None ☒ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
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Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)

☒ None	☐ Special VFR	☐ Special IFR	☐ VFR Flight Following	☐ Cruise
☐ VFR	☐ IFR	☐ VFR On Top	☐ Traffic Advisory	☐ Unknown / NA

Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply)

☐ Class A ☐ Class B ☐ Class C ☐ Class D ☐ Class E	☒ Class G ☐ Demo Area ☐ Warning Area ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Restricted Area	☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ TRSA ☐ FAR 93	☐ Special ☐ Air Traffic Control Area ☐ Unknown	Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: <u>502</u> ft msl
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WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information

(Check all that apply)

☒ National Weather Service	☐ Company
☐ Flight Service Station	☐ Military
☐ TV/Radio	☐ Internet
☐ Automated Report	☐ None
☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)	☐ Unknown
☐ On-Board Weather	

Weather Observation Facility

Facility ID: KEOK
 Observation Time: 0055
 Time Zone: CDT
 Distance from Accident Site: 18.06 nm
 Direction from Accident Site: 107 degrees true

Basic Conditions

☒ VMC
☐ IMC
☐ Unknown

Light Condition

☐ Dawn
☐ Day
☐ Dusk
☒ Night
☐ Dark Night
☐ Unknown
☐ Bright Night

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition

☐ Clear
☒ Few
☐ Partial Obscuration
☐ Scattered
☐ Thin Broken
☐ Thin Overcast
☐ Unknown

Lowest Cloud Condition Height

045 ft agl

Ceiling

☒ None (Clear)
☐ Broken
☐ Overcast
☐ Obscured
☐ Indefinite
☐ Unknown

Ceiling Height

_____ ft agl

Temperature: 19 (C) or 66 (F)

Dew Point: 19 (C) or 66 (F)

Altimeter Setting: 2993 in. Hg
 or _____ MB

Wind Direction

☐ Variable

-or-
 Direction: _____ degrees true

Wind Speed

☒ Calm
☐ Light and Variable

-or-
 Speed: _____ kts

Wind Gusts

☒ Not Gusting

-or-
 Speed: _____ kts

Visibility 8 miles

RVR: _____ feet

RVV: _____ miles

Density Altitude: 1577 ft

Intensity of Precipitation

☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Heavy
☒ N/A
☐ Unknown

Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)

☒ None	☐ Drizzle	☐ Freezing Rain
☐ Rain	☐ Ice Pellets	☐ Snow Shower
☐ Snow	☐ Snow Pellets	☐ Ice Pellets Shower
☐ Hail	☐ Snow Grains	☐ Freezing Drizzle
☐ Rain Showers	☐ Ice Crystals	

Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)

☒ None	☐ Fog
☐ Blowing Dust	☐ Ground Fog
☐ Blowing Sand	☐ Haze
☐ Blowing Snow	☐ Ice Fog
☐ Blowing Spray	☐ Smoke
☐ Dust	☐ Unknown

Icing Forecast

Amount	Type
☒ None	☐ N/A
☐ Trace	☐ Rime
☐ Light	☐ Clear
☐ Moderate	☐ Mixed
☐ Severe	☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown	

Icing Actual

Amount	Type
☒ None	☐ N/A
☐ Trace	☐ Rime
☐ Light	☐ Clear
☐ Moderate	☐ Mixed
☐ Severe	☐ Unknown
☐ Unknown	

Turbulence

Type (Check all that apply)	Severity
☒ None	☐ Light
☐ Clear Air	☐ Moderate
☐ Terrain-Induced	☐ Severe
☐ Convective Turbulence	☐ Extreme

NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None ☒ Substantial
☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed
 ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Explosion at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(Use additional sheet if necessary)*

The aircraft sustained damage to its tail rotor and tail rotor drive shaft.

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT *(Please type or print in ink)*

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

Dispatched from AE59 base, the crew embarked on a scene flight to Hancock County, IL, taking off at 0050. They coordinated with the Carthage Fire Department, situated 10 nautical miles away from the destination. The LZ briefing highlighted an East/West gravel road flanked by cornfields and a fence on the southern side. Conducting a thorough high reconnaissance at around 700 feet AGL in a left-hand orbit, the crew validated the accuracy of the briefing through ground communication.

Approaching the scene from the northwest, they transitioned to a north-to-south orientation, perpendicular to the road. During descent, vigilant observation confirmed the absence of poles or wires, maintaining visual contact with ground personnel. Hovering 10 feet above the road, the crew pinpointed the fence's location, assessed the scene's direction, and noted ditches on either side.

After clearing the tail and receiving crew acknowledgment, a right pedal turn was initiated. The aim was to align the medic/patient door with the scene, facilitating visual access for medical personnel during patient loading. During descent at a heading of 310 degrees, an abrupt popping sound with feedback in the tail rotor pedals was detected.

Following an apparent impact with the fence, the aircraft initiated an unintended rotation to the right. Despite full left pedal application, the rotation persisted. The pilot swiftly lowered the collective and executed an emergency shutdown. The aircraft came to a stop with a final heading of approximately 360 degrees, perpendicular to the road. Crew safety was confirmed, and medical personnel provided aid to those in need.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

Subject to pending drug test results, the pilot will undergo retraining to adhere to both company and FAA standards.

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

**Total Time/Cycles
On Part**

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

**Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled**

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION**Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff**

(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

90 Gallons**Fuel Type**☐ 80/87☐ 115/145☐ Jet B☐ Other, specify _____☐ 100 Low Lead☒ Jet A☐ JP8☐ 100/130☐ Jet A-1☐ Automotive**Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure****EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT**Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☐ Yes ☒ No**Method of Exit** – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location**OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)****Aircraft Registration Number**

Manufacturer: _____**Model:** _____**Damage to Other Aircraft**☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ None**Registered Owner of Other Aircraft**

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report

08/08/2023

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: _____

Signature: _____

-- or -- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: Clayton Andresen

Title: Regional Director of Flight Operations

Signature: _____

-- or -- ☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

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Central Region (CEN)

Name of Investigator

Michael J. Hodges

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