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Subject: CEN23LA350

The NTSB investigator-in-charge received the following information from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of Accident Investigation and Prevention (AVP-100).

FAA AVP-100 provided responses for two questions the NTSB had asked regarding the accident. The two responses from FAA AVP-100 were received by the NTSB on November 7, 2023.

1. For 14 CFR Part 135 operations, does the FAA mandate training topics for NVG usage (for example, weather considerations, terrain interpretation, seasonal considerations, terrain types, operational considerations, etc.)? If so, what are the training topics?

Yes, the training for NVG is provided under CFR Part 135 and would be written by the operator based on the type of NVG in use. The ASI POI would review and approve this training. As to the following: (for example, weather considerations, terrain interpretation, seasonal considerations, terrain types, operational considerations, etc.) This information would come from the operator's operation specifications approved by the ASI POI. Recommend they obtain a current copy of the Part 135 training manual and operation specifications for Air Evac Lifeteam.

2. Does the FAA provide any reference material for NVG usage (for example, weather considerations, terrain interpretation, seasonal considerations, terrain types, operational considerations, etc.) to the public?

Yes, FAA.gov under NVG, AC-61-65H, Order 1320.1E, SAFO and FAA Order 8900.2C.

Nothing Follows