

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD • PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT Use this form (Form 6120.1) to report civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents**BASIC INFORMATION****Accident/Incident Location**Nearest City/Place: Hartford State: ILZIP: 62048 Country: USLatitude: 38 50.26N Longitude: 90 05.75W

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

Accident/Incident Date/TimeDate: 04/24/2025 Local Time: 21:24
mm/dd/yyyy HH:MMTime Zone: CDTCollision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None**AIRCRAFT INFORMATION**Registration Number: N880SLManufacturer: Messerschmitt-Bolkow-Blohm (MBB)Model: BK117 B2Serial Number: 7130Year of Manufacture: 98Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes: ☐ Original Design ☐ Kit/Plans

Make: _____

- ☐
- IFR-Equipped and Certified
-
- ☐
- Commercial Space Flight
-
- ☐
- Unmanned Aircraft

Maximum Gross Weight: 7,385 lbs.Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 6,612 lbs.Number of Seats: 7 Flight Crew Seats: 1Cabin Crew Seats: 0 Passenger Seats: 6Number of Engines: 2**Category of Aircraft**
(Select one)

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

Type of Airworthiness Certificate
(Check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| Standard | Special |
| ☒ Normal | ☐ Restricted |
| ☐ Aerobatic | ☐ Limited |
| ☐ Balloon | ☐ Provisional |
| ☐ Commuter | ☐ Special Flight |
| ☐ Transport | ☐ Experimental |
| ☐ Utility | ☐ Special Light-Sport |
| | ☐ Experimental Light-Sport |
| ☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA) | |
| ☐ None ☐ Unknown | |

Landing Gear
(Check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ Retractable | ☐ High Skid |
| ☐ Tricycle | ☒ Skid |
| ☐ Tailwheel | ☐ Ski/Wheel |
| ☐ Emergency Float | ☐ Hull |
| ☐ Float | ☐ Ski |
| ☐ Amphibian | |
| ☐ Other Launch/Recovery System | |
| ☐ None | ☐ Unknown |

Engine Type (Select one)

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| ☐ Reciprocating | ☐ Liquid Rocket |
| ☒ Turbo Shaft | ☐ Solid Rocket |
| ☐ Turbo Prop | ☐ Hybrid Rocket |
| ☐ Turbo Jet | ☐ None |
| ☐ Turbo Fan | ☐ Unknown |
| ☐ Electric | |

Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)

- ☐
- Carburetor
- ☐
- Fuel Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Engine 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	Lycoming	LTS-101B1	LE445688AEF	04/12/1989	593	11,444	4	
Eng. 2	Lycoming	LTS-101B1	LE45627EFA	11/18/1988	593	10,653	4	
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☐
- 100-Hour
-
- ☒
- AAIP
-
- ☐
- Annual
-
- ☐
- Continuous Airworthiness
-
- ☐
- Condition Inspection
-
- ☐
- Unknown

Date of Last Inspection: 04/22/2025
mm/dd/yyyyAirframe Total Time: 17,354.5 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:
- 2 Bottle OEM installation

Additional Equipment

- ☒
- ADS-B
-
- ☐
- Airframe Parachute
-
- ☐
- Angle of Attack Indicator
-
- ☐
- Autopilot
-
- ☐
- Autopilot/FMS, Model: _____
-
- ☐
- Coupled Flight Director
-
- ☐
- Data Recorder
-
- ☐
- Device Stall Warning System
-
- ☒
- Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
-
- ☐
- Electronic Multifunction Display
-
- ☐
- Electronic Primary Flight Display
-
- ☐
- Flight Management System

- ☐
- Handheld GPS
-
- ☐
- Heads Up Display
-
- ☒
- Night Vision Goggles
-
- ☐
- Onboard Weather
-
- ☐
- Primary Flight Display
-
- ☒
- SAS, Number of Axes:
- 3
- Model:
- OEM
-
- ☒
- Satellite Tracking Device
-
- ☐
- Stall Warning System
-
- ☐
- Video Recording Device
-
- ☐
- Wire Strike Detection
-
- ☒
- Wire Strike Protection
-
- ☐
- Other, Specify: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes:ELT Manufacturer: Dorne and MargolinModel or Part No.: DMELT8.1TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)☒ C126 (406 MHz)Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ NoWas ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ NoDid ELT activate? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf activated: Did ELT aid in locating aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ NoIf not activated: Indicate Reason: ☐ Impact Damage☐ Fire Damage ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged ☒ Unknown**Propeller 1** ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Propeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: Air Methods

Fractional Ownership Aircraft:

☐ Yes☒ NoCity: Greenwood Village State: COZIP: 80111 Country: US**Operator of Aircraft**☒ The Operator is also the Registered Owner☐ Same address as Registered Owner

Name: _____

Doing Business As: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4-character code): QMLA

ZIP: _____ Country: _____

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 450
☐ 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
☐ 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 ☐ Unknown

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: _____ Length: _____ ft. Width: _____ ft.

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Ice ☐ Snow
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Dirt ☐ Helideck ☐ Metal/Wood ☒ Unknown
☐ Elevated Heliport ☐ Helistop ☐ Off-site landing area

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 ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

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**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☒ 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: Steven

City of Residence: Ballwin

Middle Initial: P

State: MO ZIP: 63021

Last Name: Williams

Country: US

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 47

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: [REDACTED]

Degree of Injury

☐ None ☒ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☒ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Restraint Type**Available**

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☒ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Used

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☒ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

Inflatable Restraints

☒ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial
☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational
☒ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Principal Occupation

☒ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☐ Unknown
☐ Class 1 ☐ BasicMed
☒ Class 2 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)

Medical Certificate Validity

☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☒ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

Date of Last Medical

09/09/2024
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Must use corrective lens(es) to meet vision standards at all required distances.

Medical Certificate Special Limitations**Personal Flight Equipment** (Check all that apply)

☒ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

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

07/08/2024
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Messerschmitt-Bolkow-Blohm (MBB)

Model: BK117 C2

Airplane Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ 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 ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements**Student Endorsements** (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time	7,404	1,277	33		758	3	255	7,371			1,277	
Pilot in Command (PIC)	7,338	1,277	2					7,336			1,277	
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days	49	49			23			49			49	
Last 30 Days	12	12			8			12			12	
Last 24 Hours	1	1			1			1			1	

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION**"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☐ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: _____

City of Residence: _____

Middle Initial: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Last Name: _____

Country: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury

☐ None ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

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

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial
☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational
☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☐ Class 3 ☐ Unknown
☐ Class 1 ☐ BasicMed
☐ Class 2 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot Only)

Medical Certificate Validity

☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

Date of Last Medical

 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations**Medical Certificate Special Limitations****Personal Flight Equipment** (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

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

 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____

Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ 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 ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements**Student Endorsements** (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time												
Pilot in Command (PIC)												
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days												
Last 30 Days												
Last 24 Hours												

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information.)

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front	☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		

Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military
☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign
☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer

Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft?	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints
☐ Yes ☐ No		Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Front	☐ Rear ☐ Single ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		

Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military
☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign
☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer

Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft?	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints
☐ Yes ☐ No		Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown

PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet, if necessary.)

Number of Passengers <u>2</u>					
Passenger Information	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
First Name: <u>Charles</u> City: <u>St Louis</u> Middle Initial: <u>M</u> State: <u>MO</u> Zip: <u>63104</u> Last name: <u>Niewoehner</u> Country: <u>US</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☒ Fire resistant flight suit ☒ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☒ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☒ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child ☐ Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

First Name: <u>Jason</u> City: <u>Columbus</u> Middle Initial: <u>G</u> State: <u>MO</u> Zip: <u>43231</u> Last name: <u>Pierce</u> Country: <u>US</u> ☐ Crew ☒ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☒ Fire resistant flight suit ☒ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: <u>B1</u>	☐ None ☐ Minor ☒ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☒ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☒ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point	Time of Departure	Flight Information	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed
Airport ID: <u>N/A</u> City: <u>Hartford</u> State: <u>IL</u> Country: <u>US</u>	Time: <u>21:24</u> HH:MM Time Zone: <u>CDT</u>	Flight Number: <u>15427486</u> Operating as Flight _____	Airport ID: <u>N/A</u> City: <u>Granite City</u> State: <u>IL</u> Country: <u>US</u>	☐ None ☒ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR Activated? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
				☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown

Type of ATC Clearance/Service <i>(Check all that apply)</i>					
☐ Certificate of Authorization	☐ Special VFR	☐ Special IFR	☐ VFR Flight Following	☐ Cruise	
☒ VFR	☐ IFR	☐ VFR On Top	☐ Traffic Advisory	☐ Unknown / NA	
☒ None					
Airspace where the accident/incident occurred <i>(Check all that apply)</i>					
☐ Class A	☒ Class G	☐ Military Operations Area (MOA)	☐ Special		
☐ Class B	☐ Demo Area	☐ Airport Advisory Area	☐ Air Traffic Control Area		
☐ Class C	☐ Warning Area	☐ Jet Training Area	☐ Unknown		
☐ Class D	☐ Prohibited Area	☐ TRSA			
☐ Class E	☐ Restricted Area	☐ FAR 93	Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: _____ ft. MSL		
WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE					
Source of Pilot Weather Information <i>(Check all that apply)</i>			Weather Observation Facility		
☐ National Weather Service ☐ Flight Service Station ☐ TV/Radio ☐ Automated Report ☐ Electronic Flight Bag-Application:			☐ Company ☐ Military ☐ Internet ☐ None ☒ Unknown		
☐ On-Board Weather			Facility ID: <u>KALN</u> Observation Time: <u>01:50</u> Time Zone: <u>UTC</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>8.00</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>215.00</u> degrees true		
Basic Conditions		Lowest Cloud Condition		Light Condition	
☒ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Height <u>4800</u> ft. AGL		☐ Dawn ☐ Day ☐ Dusk ☒ Night ☐ Dark Night ☐ Bright Night ☐ Unknown	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition		Ceiling		Ceiling Height	
☐ Clear ☐ Few ☐ Partial ☐ Obscuration ☒ Scattered		☐ Thin Broken ☐ Thin Overcast ☐ Unknown ☒ None (Clear) ☐ Broken ☐ Overcast ☐ Obscured ☐ Indefinite ☐ Unknown		<u>4800</u> ft. AGL	
				Temperature: <u>21.00</u> (°C) or _____ (°F) Dewpoint: <u>16.00</u> (°C) or _____ (°F)	
Altimeter Setting:		Wind Direction		Wind Speed	
<u>30.01</u> (Hg), or _____ (mb)		☐ Variable or Direction: <u>140.00</u> degrees true		☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable or Speed: <u>4.0</u> kts	
				Wind Gusts ☒ Not Gustating or Speed: _____ kts	
				Visibility <u>10.0</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft.	
Type of Precipitation <i>(Check all that apply)</i>				Restriction to Visibility <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
☒ None ☐ Rain ☐ Snow ☐ Hail ☐ Rain Showers				☐ Drizzle ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Ice Crystals	
☐ Freezing Rain ☐ Snow Shower ☐ Ice Pellets Shower ☐ Freezing Drizzle				☒ None ☐ Fog ☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Dust	
				☐ Ground Fog ☐ Haze ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Smoke ☐ Unknown	
Icing Forecast		Intensity of Precipitation		Icing Actual	
Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown		Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown		Amount ☒ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	
		☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown		Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	
				Turbulence <i>(Check all that apply)</i> ☒ None ☐ Clean Air ☐ Terrain-Induced ☐ Convective Turbulence	
				Severity ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ 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 ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

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

Please see additional sheet.

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.

On 4/24/25 at 20:11CDT, N880SL (serial number 7130) BK117 B2 operated as ARCH 1 by Air Methods LLC departed Granite City, IL (Arch 1 base) with a pilot and two medical personnel for the purpose of conducting a public relations flight at the Hartford Fire Department, Hartford, IL. The flight was conducted under 14 CFR Part 135. Following a 9-minute flight, the aircraft landed at a secured unimproved landing zone at 20:20CDT.

Upon completion of the event, the aircraft departed the landing zone at 21:24CDT and climbed vertically to approximately 30-40 feet when the aircraft experienced an uncontrolled 180° right yaw and descent that resulted in a hard landing. One occupant was able to egress the aircraft while the remaining occupants required assistance to exit. A post-crash fire started a few minutes after landing which was contained by the fire department.

OPERATOR/OWNER SAFETY RECOMMENDATION *(How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)*

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on a 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.)

Unknown

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)

155.0 Gallons

Fuel Type

☐ 100 Low Lead☐ Automotive☒ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Unleaded AV☐ Other, specify _____

Other Services, if any, prior to departure:

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location:

One occupant self-extricated from the aircraft. Two occupants required assistance to exit the aircraft.

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft.)

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft:

☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ None

Model: _____

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

Name: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Additional space for answers to any question.)

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

I understand that the information provided may be subject to public release.

Date of this report:

04/28/2025

mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Pilot/Operator: Ian Matthews, Director of Operations Air Methods LLC

Signature: _____

-or- ☒ Check here to electronically sign this document

If a person other than Pilot/Operator is filing this report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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CEN25LA163	Central Region Office (CEN)	Michael J. Hodges	04/28/2025