

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: Durango State: CO

 ZIP: 81301 Country: USA

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

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

Accident/Incident Date/Time

 Date: 05/07/2026 Local Time: 1230
mm/dd/yyyy HH:MM

 Time Zone: MST

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

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

 Registration Number: N926ES

 Manufacturer: hughes helicopter

 Model: H500 C

 Serial Number: 940641S

 Year of Manufacture: 1974

 Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes: ☐ Original Design ☐ Kit/Plans

Make: _____

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

Maximum Gross Weight: _____ lbs.

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: _____ lbs.

Number of Seats: _____ Flight Crew Seats: _____

Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: _____

Number of Engines: _____

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 | ☐ Unknown |
| ☐ None | |

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	Allison/Rolls Royce	250-C20B	CAE-822025	7/1/74	420	6554.2	72.1	
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

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

 Date of Last Inspection: 02/01/2026
mm/dd/yyyy

 Airframe Total Time: 6581.6 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: _____

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: _____ Model: _____
-
- ☐
- 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: _____

Model or Part No.: _____

 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

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: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 ZIP: _____ Country: _____

Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Operator of Aircraft

☐ The Operator is also the Registered Owner

☐ Same address as Registered Owner

Name: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 ZIP: _____ Country: _____

Doing Business As: _____

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

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: _____

Airport Identifier: _____

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

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm.

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

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: [REDACTED]

City of Residence: Durango

Middle Initial: [REDACTED]

State: CO ZIP: 81301

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Country: USA

Age at time of Accident/Incident: 31

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

05/13/2025
 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:

09/09/2025
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: robinson

Model: r44 rll

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	453	140			28		52	449				
Pilot in Command (PIC)	368											
Time as Instructor	146											
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days	96											
Last 30 Days	37											
Last 24 Hours	3											

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

Certificate Number: _____

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

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		
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		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
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.		

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		
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		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
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.		

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

Number of Passengers _____	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
Passenger Information 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 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: _____ 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
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point	Time of Departure	Flight Information	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed
Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	Time: _____ HH:MM Time Zone: _____	Flight Number: _____ Operating as Flight _____	Airport ID: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____	☐ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ 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: _____ Observation Time: _____ Time Zone: _____ Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true		
Basic Conditions		Lowest Cloud Condition	Light Condition		
☐ VMC ☐ IMC ☐ Unknown		Height _____ 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	Temperature: _____ (°C) or _____ (°F) Dewpoint: _____ (°C) or _____ (°F)	
Altimeter Setting:	Wind Direction	Wind Speed	Wind Gusts	Visibility	
_____ (Hg), or _____ (mb)	☐ Variable or Direction: _____ degrees true	☐ Calm ☐ Light and Variable or Speed: _____ kts	☐ Not Gusting or Speed: _____ kts	_____ 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 ☐ Ground Fog ☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze ☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog ☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke ☐ Dust ☐ Unknown	
Icing Forecast		Intensity of Precipitation	Icing Actual		Turbulence <i>(Check all that apply)</i>
Amount ☐ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ N/A ☐ Unknown	Amount ☐ None ☐ Trace ☐ Light ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Unknown	Type ☐ N/A ☐ Rime ☐ Clear ☐ Mixed ☐ Unknown	Severity ☐ None ☐ 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.)*

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.

Instructor [REDACTED] and I departed 00C at approximately 11:30 a.m. for KDRO in helicopter 926ES. We arrived at KDRO and began conducting emergency training procedures. The winds were light and variable. We performed several hover autos and stuck-pedal exercises before conducting full-down autorotation exercises. We conducted a normal straight-in autorotation while manipulating and monitoring the RPM range to Taxiway Alpha, parallel to Runway 21. We then performed several full-down autos from a takeoff profile. We performed several autos in which we simulated overshooting our spot by entering an auto, bringing the helicopter to a nose-up attitude, slowing down, then bringing the nose back down for airspeed and hitting our intended spot. We performed several autos with this configuration before the accident.

For the autorotation resulting in the accident, the instructor rolled the throttle to idle and I entered the auto over Taxiway Alpha, parallel to Runway 21. We were going to overshoot our spot, and I began to slow the helicopter down. The instructor came on the controls with me to encourage a more nose-up attitude in order to slow to approximately 30 knots and make our spot. At approximately 300 feet AGL, we began to pitch the nose down for airspeed. Rotor RPM was on the low side of the green arc, and airspeed was approximately 60 knots. As we flared, the helicopter continued to sink. We leveled the helicopter and pulled collective. We contacted the ground hard in a level attitude on our skids. The landing gear compressed, the left skid separated, and we slid about 100 feet before coming to a full stop. We confirmed we were not injured, waited for the blades to stop, and exited the aircraft through the doors. Upon exiting and securing the wreckage, I recognized that the winds were swirling between the runway and taxiway.

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.)

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)

62.1 _____ 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:

both pilots exited through the doors of the helicopter

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:

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 this report

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

-or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document

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