



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: September 17, 2012, 1254 EDT
Person Contacted: Tommy Grimes – Operator [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA12CA547

Narrative:

Mr. Grimes, the operator of the accident airplane and pilot of the airplane that departed just before the accident airplane, was contacted by phone on September 17, 2012, at 1254 EDT. Below is a record of conversation:

- According to Mr. Grimes, he and Mr. White had landed at Addington Field Airport to refuel their airplanes.
- Mr. Grimes stated that he had been watching the weather and had planned to depart Addington Field Airport and fly south to Glasgow, KY in order to “go around the [incoming] storm.”
- When asked why he didn’t choose to secure the airplanes for the night, he replied that the weather visually appeared to be clear and calm, so he elected to proceed with the flight.
- He had tie down ropes in the back of the airplane and there were hangars available at the airport.
- Mr. Grimes is the president of Heart of Virginia Aviation, Inc. and does not currently have a standard operating procedure for business related cross country flights.