



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: March 25, 2013
NTSB Accident Number: ERA13FA064
Trooper Jim McLain, Connecticut State Police

Trooper McLain conducted the aerial search and rescue after the Alert Notice (ALNOT) was issued for N8826J. In an email, he stated he was surprised on how dark it was in the area of the crash site and that area would be challenging even for a proficient night pilot. Using Night Vision Goggles (NVG), Trooper McLain observed there was not much light for an unaided pilot.

Upon reaching the crash site, he observed a lighted area approximately a mile east of the impact area. The lighted area was a large parking lot with pole lighting which really stood out in the darkness that surrounded the area.

If the airplane had not impacted the hill top the flight trajectory would have passed right over the lighted area.