

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

This form to be used for reporting civil and public use aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Jekyll Island State: GA
 ZIP: 31527 Country: USA
 Latitude: 31 04.47N (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: 081 25.67W (ddd:mm:ss E/W)

Date/Time

Date: 05/09/2013 Local Time: 1400
 mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: EDT

Phase of Operation

☐ Standing ☐ Takeoff (incl. initial climb) ☐ Cruise ☐ Hover
☐ Taxi ☐ Climb ☐ Maneuvering ☐ Other
☐ Descent ☒ Landing ☐ Approach ☐ Unknown

Collision with Other Aircraft

☐ Midair
☐ On-ground
☒ None

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence

12 ft MSL

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Bell Helicopter

Model: OH-58C

Serial Number: 69-16301

Registration Number: N927SP

Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Max Gross Weight: 3,200 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 2,806 lbs

Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident:

109.89 inches from ☐ nose or ☒ datum
 -or- _____ Percent Mean Aerodynamic Cord (% MAC)

Category of Aircraft

☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyrocraft
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered lift
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate (Check all that apply)

Standard

☐ Normal
☐ Utility
☐ Acrobatic
☐ Transport

Special

☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Flight
☐ Light Sport

Number of Seats: 4

If Large Aircraft, how many seats for:

Flight Crew: _____

Cabin Crew: _____

Passengers: _____

Landing Gear ☐ Retractable

Check any additional landing gear configuration that applies:

☐ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☒ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☐ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Unknown

Type of Maintenance Program

☐ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☒ Other, specify: ICAP insp planning guide/military TM

Last Inspection Type

☒ 100 Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☐ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: 02/27/13

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 9,837 hrs

hours measured at (check one)

☐ Last Inspection ☒ Time of Accident/Incident

IFR Equipped

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Stall Warning System Installed

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Type of Fire Extinguishing System

☐ None
☒ Specify hand portable

ELT Installed

☐ Yes ☒ No

ELT Activated

☐ Yes ☐ No

ELT Manufacturer: _____

Model/Series: _____

Serial Number: _____

Battery Type: _____

Battery Exp. Date: _____

Engine Type

☐ Reciprocating ☐ Turbo Jet
☒ Turbo Shaft ☐ Turbo Fan
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Unknown

Reciprocating Fuel System Type

☐ Carburetor
☐ Fuel Injected

Propeller

☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Engine Rated Power Measured as (check one) ☒ Horsepower or ☐ lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since Inspection (hours)	Time Since Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Rolls-Royce	T63-A-720	AE-404800		420	3,806	21	1,579
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION			
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>Georgia Department of Public Safety</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: ☐ Yes ☒ No		Owner Address City: <u>Kennesaw</u> State: <u>GA</u> ZIP: <u>30144</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	
Operator of Aircraft ☒ Same As Registered Owner Name: _____ Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		Operator Address ☒ Same As Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____	
Regulation Flight Conducted Under ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 91 Special Flight ☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ Non-US, Commercial ☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ Non-US, Non-commercial ☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ Armed Forces ☒ Public Use (select type) ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ Local ☐ Unknown		Revenue Sightseeing Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No Air Medical Flight ☐ Yes ☒ No	
Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one) ☐ Personal ☐ Business ☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Other Work Use ☒ Instructional ☐ Ferry ☐ Positioning ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Air Drop ☐ Air Race / Show ☐ Flight Test ☐ Public Use ☐ Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 (Select one) ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi Domestic or International ☐ Domestic ☐ International	Type of Commercial Operating Certificate Held (Select all that apply) ☒ None ☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (121) ☐ Supplemental ☐ Air Cargo ☐ Foreign Air Carriers (129) ☐ Commuter Air Carrier (135) ☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (135) ☐ Large Helicopter (127) ☐ Rotorcraft External Load (133) or - ☐ Agricultural Aircraft (137) ☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft	
OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)			
Aircraft Registration Number _____	Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____		Damage to Other Aircraft ☐ Destroyed ☐ Minor ☐ Substantial ☐ None
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____			
Pilot of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____			
MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)			
Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown (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
DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY			
Aircraft Damage ☐ None ☒ Substantial ☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed	Aircraft Fire ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin ☐ On-Ground		Aircraft Explosion ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight ☐ In-Flight ☐ Unknown Origin ☐ On-Ground

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property (use additional sheet if necessary)

Helicopter tail boom and drive train.

AIRPORT INFORMATION (If the accident/incident occurred on approach, takeoff or within 3 miles of an airport, complete this section)Airport Identifier: 09JDistance From Airport Center: 0 SMAirport Name: Jekyll Island AirportDirection From Airport: N/A degrees MAGProximity to Airport ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport ☒ On AirstripAirport Elevation: 12 ft. MSL**Approach Segment** (Select one)☐ On Instrument Approach ☒ Landing ☐ Base leg ☐ Final ☐ Go Around
☐ Crosswind ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)**IFR Approach** (Check all that apply)☒ None ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ SDF ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Loran
☐ VOR/TWOR ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ TACAN ☐ RNAV ☐ Circling**VFR Approach** (Check all that apply)☐ None ☐ Stop and Go
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Straight-In ☒ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Unknown**Runway Information**Runway ID: 36 (L/R/C) Length: 3,715 ft Width: 75 ft**Runway/Landing Surface** (Check all that apply)☒ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Dirt ☐ Ice ☐ Snow**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 ☐ Unknown
☐ Slush Covered ☐ Vegetation**FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION****Last Departure Point**Airport ID: 09JCity: Jekyll IslandState: GACountry: USA**Time of Departure**Time: 1350Time Zone: EDT**Destination**Airport ID: 09JCity: Jekyll IslandState: GACountry: USA**Type Flight Plan Filed**☒ None ☐ VFR/IFR
☐ Company VFR ☐ IFR
☐ Military VFR ☐ Unknown
☐ VFRActivated? ☐ Yes ☒ No**Type of ATC Clearance/Service** (Check all that apply)☒ None ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise
☐ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA**Airspace where the accident/incident occurred** (Check all that apply)☐ Class A ☒ Class E ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Special
☐ Class B ☐ Class G ☐ Restricted Area ☐ TRSA ☐ Air Traffic Control Area
☐ Class C ☐ Demo Area ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ FAR 93 ☐ Unknown
☐ Class D ☐ Warning Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area**Aircraft Load Description** (Check all that apply)☒ None ☐ Towing Glider ☐ Parachutists ☐ Livestock
☐ Passengers ☐ Towing Banner ☐ Water ☐ Unknown
☐ Cargo ☐ Other External ☐ Chemical/Fertilizer/Seeds**FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION****Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff**

(convert from pounds, as necessary)

42 Gallons**Fuel Type**☐ 80/87 ☐ 115/145 ☐ JP3 ☐ Other, specify _____
☐ 100 Low Lead ☒ Jet A ☐ JP4
☐ 100/130 ☐ Automotive ☐ JP5**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

Normal exit from aircraft.

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE**Weather Observation Facility**Facility ID: SSI

Observation Time: _____

Time Zone: EDTDistance from Accident Site: 5 NMDirection from Accident Site: 5 degrees MAG**Source of Weather Information**

(Check all that apply)

☐ National Weather Service☐ Flight Service Station☐ TV/Radio☒ Automated Report☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)☐ Company☐ Military☐ Internet☐ Unknown**Method of Briefing**

(Check all that apply)

☐ In Person☐ Teletype☐ Telephone/Computer☒ Aircraft Radio☐ TV/Radio☐ Unknown**Briefing Type/Completeness**☒ Full☐ Partial / Limited By Pilot☐ Partial / Limited By Briefer☐ Abbreviated☐ Unknown☐ Not Pertinent**Light Condition**☐ Dawn☒ Day☐ Dusk☐ Night☐ Dark Night☐ Bright Night☐ Not Reported**Visibility**10 miles**Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition**☐ Clear☒ Few☐ Partial Obscuration☐ Scattered☐ Thin Broken☐ Thin Overcast☐ Unknown**Ceiling**☒ None (clear)☐ Broken☐ Overcast☐ Obscured☐ Indefinite☐ Unknown**Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)**☒ None☐ Blowing Dust☐ Blowing Sand☐ Blowing Snow☐ Blowing Spray☐ Dust☐ Fog☐ Ground Fog☐ Haze☐ Ice Fog☐ Smoke☐ Unknown**Lowest Cloud Condition Height**6,000 ft AGL**Ceiling Height**

_____ ft AGL

Wind Direction☐ Indicated:
_____ degrees MAG☒ Variable**Wind Speed**Velocity: 8 KTS

-or-

☐ Calm☐ Light and Variable**Wind Gusts**

Velocity: _____ KTS

☐ Gusting☒ Not Gusting**Type of Turbulence (Check all that apply)**☒ None☐ Clear Air☐ In Clouds☐ Vicinity of Thunderstorm**Severity of Turbulence**☐ Extreme☐ Severe☐ Moderate☐ Moderate Chop☐ Light**NOTAMs (D, L and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident**

MCN 05/193 09J OBSTRUCTION, OBSTACLE TOWER 338 (325 ABOVE GROUND LEVEL) 9.2

WEST LGTS OUT OF SERVICE (ASR 1253448)

WITH EFFECT FROM OR EFFECTIVE FROM 1305140651-1305290551

Temperature: _____ (C)
or 82 (F)Altimeter Setting: 30.12 in. HG
or _____ MB

Density Altitude: _____ ft

Dew Point: _____ (C)
or 59 (F)**Icing Forecast****Amount**☒ None☐ Trace☐ Light☐ Moderate☐ Severe**Type**☐ Rime☐ Clear☐ Mixed**Icing Actual****Amount**☒ None☐ Trace☐ Light☐ Moderate☐ Severe**Type**☐ Rime☐ Clear☐ Mixed**Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)**☒ None☐ Rain☐ Snow☐ Hail☐ Rain Showers☐ Freezing Rain☐ Snow Shower☐ Drizzle☐ Ice Pellets☐ Snow Pellets☐ Snow Grains☐ Ice Crystals☐ Ice Pellets Shower☐ Freezing Drizzle**Intensity of Precipitation**☐ Light☐ Moderate☐ Heavy

PILOT "A" INFORMATION

Pilot "A" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

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

Pilot "A" Identification

First Name: Jeffery City: Kennesaw
 Middle Initial: M State: GA ZIP: 30144
 Last Name: Rhodes Country: USA
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 43 Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy Certificate Number: mm/dd/yyyy

Degree of Injury

☒ None
 ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor
 ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

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

Seat Belt

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder Harness

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
 ☐ Student
 ☐ Recreational
 ☒ Commercial
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Foreign
☐ Private
 ☐ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Sport
 ☐ Airline Transport
 ☐ U.S. Military

Principal Occupation

☒ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

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

Medical Certificate Validity

☒ Without limitations/waivers
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

02/26/2013
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

None

Medical Certificate Waivers

None

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

05/07/2012
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Bell Helicopter
 Model: OH-58

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☒ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Free 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
☐ Airplane Single-Engine
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Powered Lift

☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Helicopter
☐ Glider
☐ Sport

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	5,550	2,500	550		800	70	30	5,000		
Pilot in Command (PIC)	5,400	2,400	450		790	70	20	4,500		
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	150	50	20		20	0	0	150		
Last 30 Days	30	10	10		10	0	0	30		
Last 24 Hours	7	1	0		0	0	0	7		

PILOT "B" INFORMATION

Pilot "B" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

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

Pilot "B" Identification

First Name: Edward City: Keller
 Middle Initial: L State: TX ZIP: 76248
 Last Name: Wimberley Country: USA
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: 72 Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy Certificate Number: mm/dd/yyyy

Degree of Injury

☒ None
 ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor
 ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

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

Seat Belt

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder Harness

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
 ☐ Student
 ☐ Recreational
 ☒ Commercial
 ☐ Flight Engineer
 ☐ Foreign
☐ Private
 ☒ Flight Instructor
 ☐ Sport
 ☒ Airline Transport
 ☐ U.S. Military

Principal Occupation

☒ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

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

Medical Certificate Validity

☐ Without limitations/waivers
☒ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

02/21/2013
 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Must have available glasses for near vision. Not valid for any class after 02/28/2014.

Medical Certificate Waivers

None

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

03/20/2012
 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: Bell Helicopter
 Model: 206B

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Single-Engine Land
☒ Single-Engine Sea
☒ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Free 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 Multi-Engine
 ☒ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane
 ☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift
 ☐ Sport

Type Ratings

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Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	13,948	2,000	172	158	391	2	100	13,618		
Pilot in Command (PIC)	13,610	2,000	102	102	391	2	100	13,500		
Time as Instructor	9,340	1,950	0	0	0	0	0	9,340		
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	72	16	0	0	0	0	0	72		
Last 30 Days	22	16	0	0	0	0	0	22		
Last 24 Hours	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5		

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin attendants, complete the following information)																	
Pilot Name and Address						Degree of Injury											
First Name: _____			City: _____			☐ None		☐ Fatal									
Middle Initial: _____			State: _____ ZIP: _____			☐ Minor		☐ Unknown									
Last Name: _____			Country: _____			☐ Serious											
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)						Seat Occupied											
☐ None		☐ Student		☐ Recreational		☐ Commercial		☐ Flight Engineer									
☐ Private		☐ Flight Instructor		☐ Sport		☐ Airline Transport		☐ U.S. Military									
								☐ Foreign									
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft?				☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs											
Pilot Name and Address						Degree of Injury											
First Name: _____			City: _____			☐ None		☐ Fatal									
Middle Initial: _____			State: _____ ZIP: _____			☐ Minor		☐ Unknown									
Last Name: _____			Country: _____			☐ Serious											
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)						Seat Occupied											
☐ None		☐ Student		☐ Recreational		☐ Commercial		☐ Flight Engineer									
☐ Private		☐ Flight Instructor		☐ Sport		☐ Airline Transport		☐ U.S. Military									
								☐ Foreign									
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft?				☐ Yes ☐ No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs											
Pilot Name and Address						Degree of Injury											
First Name: _____			City: _____			☐ None		☐ Fatal									
Middle Initial: _____			State: _____ ZIP: _____			☐ Minor		☐ Unknown									
Last Name: _____			Country: _____			☐ Serious											
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)						Seat Occupied											
☐ None		☐ Student		☐ Recreational		☐ Commercial		☐ Flight Engineer									
☐ Private		☐ Flight Instructor		☐ Sport		☐ Airline Transport		☐ U.S. Military									
								☐ Foreign									
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 flight attendants; continue on separate sheet if necessary)																	
Name and Address						Seat	Crew	Non-Revenue	Revenue	Non-Occupant	FAA	Fatal	Serious Injury	Minor Injury	No Injury	Unknown	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	
First Name: _____ City: _____						_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____																	
Last Name: _____ Country: _____																	

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 time and point of departure, intended destination, and services obtained.

Date: May 9, 2013

Location: Jekyll Island Airport (09J) Runway 36

Time: Approx. 2:00 p.m.

Weather conditions:

Wind approx. Variable @ 5K+

Sky conditions: Clear with high scattered clouds

Flight Purpose: Pilot refresher training including a touchdown autorotation

Accident Summary:

The maneuver being conducted was a touchdown autorotation. The engine throttle was at idle. During the final part of the autorotation, the rotor rpm was reduced to the lower part of the operating range as the pilot increased the collective position to stretch the glide. The pilot then increased the flare abruptly at approximately five feet above the ground in an apparent attempt to slow ground speed. To level the aircraft before touching the ground it was necessary to apply more collective pitch in an attempt to hold the aircraft off the ground until a level attitude was achieved. However, during the leveling process the rotor reached a low rpm range that resulted in possibly a loss of lift in the retreating main rotor blade prior to the advancing blade losing lift performance. The result was that the retreating blade hit the tail boom and cut through the drive shaft.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

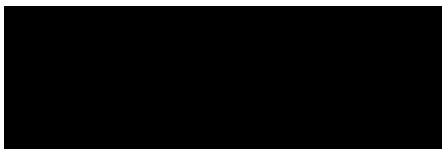
This incident occurred during a touchdown autorotation for emergency procedures training and was probably caused by rotor RPM decaying below 58% before the skids were in full contact with the ground. The sudden loss of lift would result in a hard landing which combined with the low rotor RPM and a significant amount of collective applied probably resulted in pylon whirl. This condition causes the retreating blade to flap down far enough to strike the tailboom.

The crew should closely monitor RRPM during this phase of the maneuver and not allow RRPM to approach 58% before the skids are in full contact with the ground. Once the skids are in full contact, collective should be lowered to flat pitch the rotor system to prevent pylon whirl.

Monitoring RRPM would be accomplished through the position of the collective and sound produced by the rotor system. During the touchdown phase the focus is outside to monitor aircraft position as the aircraft contacts the ground. Use of the rotor tach to monitor RRPM at touchdown is probably not practical.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Please type or print in ink)*

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