



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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Subject: Excerpts from FAA Inspector Notes and phone conversation

Time of Phone Conversation: February 12, 2015 at 1421 EST

The following excerpted information was provided by Inspector Peter J. LaCagnina:

- Both pilot and passenger received minor injuries and both refused medical attention
- The pilot declined to provide the FAA with a written statement
- A discussion took place between the FAA inspector, a Deputy from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and the pilot during which time the pilot admitted that the accident was a result of his own error in failing to keep aware of the position of the aircraft relative to the ice and that the helicopter was functioning normally at the time of impact.
- The pilot stated "Somehow I must have lost sight of the horizon in all the snow and ice" which was captured on the Deputy's report
- The helicopter was removed from the ice to dry land
- On a follow-up visit the inspector inspected the helicopter and aircraft records.
- The helicopter exhibited damage to the main rotor, tailboom assembly, and cockpit
- Flight control movement was performed and functioned normally, except for the tail controls which were damaged
- The helicopter received an annual inspection on June 7, 2014 at a recorded Hobbs entry of 2,604.6 hours.
- The engine received an annual/100 hour inspection on the same date as the airframe and the recorded entry revealed 604.6 hours since new
- No pilot logs were provided to the pilot; however, the airman did not have a current medical nor proper ratings

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