

Cook, Jon (FAA)

From: Albert Hibpshman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 12:04 PM
To: Cook, Jon (FAA)
Subject: Statement - Gary Fobes

Jon,

On Friday 28 October Gary Fobes and I arranged to meet at West Middlesex Airport that afternoon. I am in the process of acting as a test pilot for a local airplane builder so landing at West Middlesex Airport grass runway was on the list of test items for this STOL aircraft. Gary mentioned "test hopping" his newly acquired ultralight, a Kolb Firefly, 22 ft wingspan, 254 pound weight class.

At 2:00 EST:

Before takeoff a text message showed up on my iPad I use for my VFR sectional stating, "I'm down I am hurt." Being already in an aircraft and planning on going to West Middlesex Airport I flew there from New Castle airport. During the traffic pattern I overflew Gary and spotted the downed aircraft. Upon landing I asked a friend of mine to call 911 so I could continue navigating the briars on my way to Gary.

At 2:20 EST:

I reached Gary to find he had gotten himself out of his four point harness and was lying on the ground next to the aircraft. He could move his arms and legs but was concerned about his back and neck.

At 3:00 EST:

First responders arrived to assess and stabilize Gary before transport to the hospital. Additional police and fireman arrived shortly following. I have a statement to the Shenango Police.

At approximately 4 pm Gary was transported to St Elizabeth's in Youngstown.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Albert Hibpshman
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> On Nov 1, 2016, at 8:02 AM, Albert Hibpshman <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> Jon,

> Picture as requested.

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> Albert Hibpshman

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