

Cheryl Balazi
General Manager

07/27/2018

On 07/26/18 approximately 16:40 Fran Kramer ran into the FBO stating to call 911 her husband had been struck in the head with the prop. Bryan Janish and Michael Thieleman ran out of the building to aid Lanny Kramer, I (Cheryl Balazi) called 911. I talked to Bryan to get the status of Lanny and relayed it to the 911 dispatcher. The 911 dispatcher told me to grab a shirt or towel or anything and put pressure on his head. I ran and grab a few towels and gloves and handed those to Bryan outside of the FBO. At that point I observed Lanny Kramer's brain had swelled outside of his skull. I gently laid the towels around his head and Fran held his head. While this was going on Michael Thieleman drove over to the Life Force hangar to get assistance. The 911 dispatcher told me she was hanging up to dispatch Life Force. I ran back outside to hold our drive through gate open. Once Lanny Kramer was placed into the ambulance and put into the Life Force helicopter, I drove Fran Kramer Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga , TN.

The aircraft N1311S arrived about 14:05 we marshalled the aircraft to park in front of the FBO we chocked the aircraft and did move the aircraft from that spot. We did not put any fuel into the aircraft.



07-27-18

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Bryan Janisch [REDACTED]

Accident Statement

1 message

Michael Thieleman [REDACTED]

Thu, Jul 26, 2018 at 7:25 PM

To: Bryan Janisch [REDACTED]

26 July 2018

At approximately 1620-1630, the couple comes back into the FBO to return the crew car they had borrowed. When preparing to leave and go back to their aircraft, I escorted them and pulled their wheel chocks. I returned into the FBO via the back door. At approximately 1630-1640, the wife ran into the FBO screaming to call 911 that her husband got hit in the head by the propeller. Bryan Janisch, Cheryl Balazi and I immediately ran outside to render any assistance. Cheryl Called 911 while Bryan was trying to calm the wife and render any possible assistance while I immediately went to get EMS MedTrans Life Force. Life Force drove to the scene, and other EMS arrived shortly thereafter. Patient was then airlifted to Erlanger hospital in Chattanooga.

Michael Thieleman

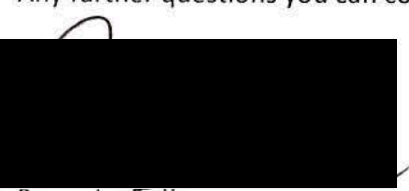
July 26, 2018

On July 26, 2018 at approximately 1640 the pilot, Lanny Kramer, of N1311S a Cessna 182 was struck in the head from a prop while he was apparently hand turning it causing it to compression start.

Lanny and his wife arrived, with the crew car they had borrowed, from looking at a Diesel truck at one of the dealerships in town. I had been cutting grass when they landed but I got to speak with them before they departed. They were a very nice couple and Mr. Kramer went on and on about how nice the airport was and our city. We told them about the pancake breakfast and they were excited to come back and see us in the future for one of those events. The couple said their goodbyes and proceeded to go to the aircraft to leave. Cheryl Balazi, Mike Thieleman, and I were at the counter and out of the corner of my eye I saw the prop turn. I thought the aircraft was starting up but then I saw Mrs. Kramer run into the FBO. I made the comment of "Wow something must be wrong". She came in frantic and told us to call 911 that her husband was just hit by the prop. I immediately ran outside with her as she knelt down to him. I asked if he was breathing and he was. He had a gash 10 inches long and 3 inches wide and his brain was exposed with blood all around. It sounded as if he was drowning in blood so I advised her to carefully move his head so he was not sucking blood from the ground. I told Mike to run to the Medtrans helicopter evac office to get help. We got towels to help control the bleeding but did not put it on the open wound. It took 10 minutes for Medtrans paramedics to arrive and police, fire, and more paramedics arrived within minutes. Medtrans air lifted Mr Kramer to Erlanger Hospital Downtown Chattanooga where he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

During this time I only gave a verbal recorded statement to Detectives and at no time did I speak to any media. I was advised not to move the aircraft or tamper with the scene.

Any further questions you can contact me via cell phone [REDACTED] or office [REDACTED]


Bryan Janisch

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