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Subject: KEXX Incident

On 06/25/2018 at approx.. 1145hrs I was working in the maintenance hangar (Superior Aero Services) with the main hangar door fully open. I was standing at the entrance to the hangar on the runway side when I heard a faint sound of screeching tires. I looked up to see the Stearman bi-plane that had just made a landing on 24 pitch nose forward, prop strike the ground and the aircraft flipped over the nose coming to a rest upside down and facing the opposite direction. I immediately called 911 and advised there had been a plane crash at the airport and that I didn't know if there were injuries or not. I then got on the golf cart and a co-worker joined me, we drove to the scene. Upon arrival I approached the aircraft and saw other airport personnel arriving to assist. The pilot was self-extricating both himself and his young grandson passenger. The pilot had facial injuries and was bleeding profusely. The pilot walked to a golf cart and sat down and I attended to him and his grandson rendering first aid. Shortly thereafter the first fire rescue vehicles started to show up. I asked the pilot if the master and fuel were shut-off, he said yes. EMS showed up and took over care for the pilot and his grandson. I was then approached by Jack Robertson, an employee of the FBO who advised that there was some confusion as to whether the power was actually off to the aircraft. The fire department had charged hose lines on the ground and I crawled under the aircraft and got into the cockpit area where I found the master switch in the off position but the magneto key was still in the "BOTH" position. I turned the key to the off position and removed the key and exited the cockpit area. I noted a very large pool of blood on the runway surface from the pilot where it appeared he had bled profusely before actually exiting the aircraft. I turned over the keys to Jack and left the area to the firefighters and EMS.

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