



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date Interviewed: 7/2/2019
Person Interviewed: Fire Chief Kevin White
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19TA204

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the above-named individual:

- Chief White reported that when they arrived on scene, the female passenger was on the shore of the river, and a man (the pilot) was in the river holding the head of a male passenger (his cousin) above the water.
- He stated that the water rescue team extracted the passenger and recovered him to the riverbank, and the pilot and passengers were transported to a local hospital via helicopter and ambulance.
- He stated that there are areas of the river that are 10 feet deep, but fortunately the area where the helicopter came to rest was only about 4 ft deep.
- He reported that a telephone cable about 350 ft in length was wrapped around the main rotor.
- He estimated that the telephone cable was 25-30 ft above the river, and that a power line was about 4 ft above the telephone cable.
- He stated that phone lines cross the river in several places in Tucker County and he believes that there is only one place where there are markers on the lines.