

On Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. 2020 around 7:40 a.m. we lifted off Tamiami Airport in route to Coconut Creek Park.

On or around 8:20 a.m. landed, got helicopter ready for work.

Briefed new FAA workers on helicopter safety, rigging safety and over all helicopter lifting.

Went in to the woods approx. 20 minutes hike drop zone.

Briefed four(04) workers there about helicopter rules and safety on the work.

Start flying

01<sup>st</sup>. Load - 01 blue flange- approx. 80 lbs. – 100 lbs. small test load

02<sup>nd</sup>. Load - 01 shape pipe install in to blue flange

First landed for fuel

03<sup>rd</sup>. Load – Rock

Second landed for cramp in hand possible fuel head

04<sup>th</sup>. To 07<sup>th</sup>. Loads – Rock

Not really sure order of some loads or fueling

08<sup>th</sup>. Load – 10 Bags of cement

09<sup>th</sup>. Load – Rock not sure if I receive load 10<sup>th</sup>. At this time helicopter came into my Zone. The helicopter became squirrely I thought it was due to roto wash catching Up with air-craft not sure.

Jorge ask about fuel, I heard 60-70 lbs- around four minutes before crash

Pilot made another approach, at this time seen no problem with helicopter, unhook load my back to long line, I felt long line slack on my back and helicopter go a little silent turned around to south see helicopter slip approx.. 10 ft. to 20 ft. south hit tree, at this time turned to the guys and said get to cover. Turned to see helicopter hit slid down tree to rest on the ground. Waited two seconds or so, radio 03 times helicopter down, no reply, I called Jorge on phone and said helicopter down, call need med-a vac.

Blade stopped I ran to a/c turned off Batt, fuel and something else not sure until a/c fell silent seen pilot bail out of right side of a/c and over one log and fall to the ground. I ran to pilot assessed pilot bleeding from left side of face, 02 small gashes, eye swelled shut, blood on shirt check for more wounds, clean face, called for my back pack.

One guy brought my pack applied first aid stopped bleeding check pilot for more wounds

Pilot was awake notice me and said is everyone ok. Told him He did a good job finished looking over body of pilot He complain about lower back pain.

Left pilot to check on a/c.

Within 15 to 20 minutes fire rescue guy showed up then 04 or 05 more and a small helicopter flying over to assess from air.

Fire rescue guys that took control of pilot. At this time the FAA Rick and trainee showed up we secured site and started looking over helicopter.

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