

Date: 08/11/2021

Time: 1401

Interviewer: Benjamin W. Gorey, Federal Aviation Administration Principal Operations Inspector, Albany, NY Flight Standards District Office

Interview of Mr. Deepak Dhermy regarding the helicopter accident at KRME.

Interviewer: Can you please tell me in your own words what happened.

Mr. Dhermy: Exactly what happened when I gave the statement. I was asked to do, stage an autorotation and I briefed on that to the examiner. And before I began autorotation I did brief him and of course we did brief on the ground also, what we are going to do and how we are going to do. And, ah, so I entered the autorotation at 1000 feet and after that I closed my throttle to idle, and then, before flaring we, as was briefed in the briefing, I opened the throttle to full saw the needles come into the green, and after proper height I flared and it leveled and when I was coming on the collective the rpm started winding down. Me and the examiner both confirmed the throttle was full open. It hit the ground and bounced and landed and rolled over.

Interviewer: Of the two FAA employees who was sitting where?

Mr. Dhermy: Charles was sitting in the front and being trained by the individual in the back.

Interviewer: Do you think there were any external factors that day? Density altitude for example?

Mr. Dhermy: Well we been having an issue with fuel control unit. We put a new unit in, in the last seven days. Maybe the governor or fuel control had a problem, We had a chip detect light come on as well.

It (the checkride) should be discontinued because of the mechanical issues.

Interviewer: Have they found out what the mechanical issues were?

Mr. Dhermy: I don't know I am just visualizing

Interviewer: So you think you performed the maneuver correctly?

Mr. Dhermy: The manauver was perfect because we entered at the right place we flared at the right place. We confirmed throttles full open.

Interviewer: Were you able to train prior to your checkride?

Mr. Dhermy: Yes. I trained other people and did the mutual training.