



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: May 10, 2023
Person Contacted: Joshua Pritchard – Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22FA257 Fairfield, NJ

Narrative:

Mr. Pritchard was a pilot for Zip Aviation who was the sole occupant of the accident helicopter at the time of the accident. He was not available for interview due to his injuries.

Mr. Pritchard held a commercial pilot certificate with ratings for rotorcraft-helicopter and instrument helicopter. He also held a flight instructor certificate with the same ratings. Mr. Pritchard's most recent second-class FAA medical certificate was issued on March 24, 2022. The operator reported that the pilot had accrued 872 total hours of flight experience, all of which were in helicopters, and 29 hours of which were in the accident helicopter make and model.

Review of Mr. Pritchard's employee records revealed he received 16 hours of "initial" ground instruction in the Bell 407 (systems, performance planning, emergency procedures, etc.) as well as general subjects that included meteorology and flight planning.

He received 5 hours of flight training over several days and satisfactorily completed an FAR Part 135 Airman Competency/Proficiency Check on May 16, 2020, in the Bell 407. Mr. Pritchard demonstrated satisfactory knowledge of emergency procedures not performed in the helicopter that included "Settling with Power" and "Tail Rotor Failure."

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