

April 26, 2022

Aircraft Incident at 7FL6, 10:45 a.m.

Narrative,

On April 26 I Elionel Contreras Pabon flew VFR from KORL To 7FL6

Once I landed on 7FL6 around 10:30 a.m I took the Cessna BLVD exit to continue taxiing to Beech and Lima all the way down to taxi way Foxtrot, at around 10:45 am I'm taxiing via Foxtrot where I encountered a forklift that was really close to the left wing if I had maintain center line I would've probably be risking hitting the left wing, on my right hand side in front of that same forklift there was a Beechcraft just outside of the hanger also looking pretty close to the taxiway but not as close as the forklift on my right hand side, working around that forklift were two workers from the company called (Hangardoor) I had notice the workers as well when I was taxiing almost half of mile before I got to the point of impact, the workers were position apposed to each other and the forklift in between the workers. One of the worker was operating the forklift while the other was watching.

Once my aircraft made impact with the forklift I had to react as quickly as I can since the aircraft made a very abrupt left turn when the left wing impacted the forklift, I quickly reacted to try to turn right and pushed on the break while cutting the power and mixture to stop the aircraft from going into a tree that was almost facing the prop.

once the aircraft came in to a complete stop I turn off the avionics master switch , Master switch and the ignition off to prevent further damages, I than rushed to the outside of the aircraft to see what were the damages and the workers realizing what had happened immediately ask if I was ok, while looking at the aircraft I had started to become frustrated because is an aircraft that I used many times and had never been involved In anything like this, I was nervous and started to ask the workers what had happened and what they have done, they just stood still looking at me pacing back an forward while asking them the same thing multiple times, one of the workers proceed to walk around the aircraft and had stated "it doesn't look like an expensive repair, I have seen worst and they get fixed so don't be worry" in the mean time I'm calling a friend to tell him what had happened and what does he think is going to happen from now (as far as my pilot career and airplane liability) meanwhile in the background I hear one of the co-workers asking the other if they should move the forklift and I immediately jump in the conversation and said "leave it right there" at the time a member of the Spruce creek community (Victor) had came into the incident site to see if I was alright and to see if we had called the management from the community to help us out in this, not to long after that a Cessna 172 had taxi on foxtrot and notice the accident the airplane proceeded to taxi on the right hand side of the taxi way on the grass to avoid the forklift and aircraft on his right hand side, being a high wing it didn't impact the aircraft on the right.

At around 11:00 a.m Spruce creek management came into the scene to help us out clear the taxi way for other aircraft to move in the active taxi way. Right after everything happened we took measurements

from the taxi way center line to the location of the forklift and it measured 18 Feet away from the taxi way center line,we also took measurements from the centerline of the taxi way to the airplane right across the forklift and it measured 27 feet from the centerline.