

N1927A Investigation Notes-FHC

Accident occurred near Charlestown, NH at approximately 1100 hours on 06/22/2022. See -9 for actual times.

The pilot, George Burton TUCKER, reportedly stated that he heard a bang from the engine and only had partial power. He tried to make it to a field but hit the high tension power lines and crashed into the Connecticut River approximately 100 yards from the New Hampshire shore. This is third hand information. Charlestown police arrived on scene shortly after accident and found TUCKER swimming to shore. TUCKER was transported to Springfield, VT Hospital across the river. TUCKER is reported to have back injuries.

This is accident occurred in New Hampshire. For some reason, NH owns the whole river and Vermont starts on the west shore.

N1927A was recently purchased by High Wing Aviation Svcs. The SPAS information does not reflect this.

There is apparently a video of at least part of the event but it is not in FSDO possession as of this writing. To be further investigated. Again third handed, the plane was reported to have passed low over a bridge well north of the power lines.

N1927A is based at Hartness State Airport (KVSF). This is a public airport located three miles northwest of the central business district of Springfield, a town in Windsor County, Vermont, United States. It is owned by the State of Vermont.

NH EPA has been very active due to potential oil and gas in the water. An oil boom was placed around the aircraft in the water yesterday. Any spillage should be minimal. There is active media coverage of this event.

NTSB permission to remove the aircraft from the river and transport to secure location at KVSF was granted by NTSB Investigator Eric Alleyne in a telecon to this Inspector at approximately 1530 on 06/22/2022.

Involved persons:

NHSP Trooper Brandon DEAN – Investigating Officer. [REDACTED]

NTSB Investigator – Eric ALLEYNE – [REDACTED] note: this will be reassigned to other NTSB personnel

Charlestown PD – Sgt. Michelle Duffett [REDACTED] will be onsite at the extraction

NH Bureau of Aeronautics – Jason Leavitt [REDACTED] –wants to be kept in the loop

William Dwight BATESOLE – retired Fedex Captain; colleague of pilot – [REDACTED] –professional and very knowledgeable and helpful with information

Bryan SHEPA – [REDACTED] – owner of KVSF Mx facility and close friend of pilot. Very involved with N1927A

Respectfully Submitted,

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