



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Person Interviewed- Pat Shaw – Pilot
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Narrative:

Mr. Patrick Shaw (Pilot) was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Shaw stated that he was sleeping and around 0420 in the morning, he was dispatched to a car crash in Hamilton, Ohio. He checked the weather and approved the flight. Around 0428 he departed for the accident scene. Around 9 miles out he contacted the scene fire department and stated he was a few minutes out and asked for sight information. Site information is where the on-scene fire department will let the pilot know of any obstacles or risk associated with the landing zone. The fire department did state that there were high voltage power lines on the south side of the landing zone.

As the pilot continued to the scene. He knew the winds were calm, so he orbited the scene from the south to the north. The pilot made the approach for the south and was looking out for the powerlines but could not locate the wires. The pilot stated he did not think the wires would be in and around the landing zone. He stated that he was wearing night vision goggles and could see the tower but not the wires. He did not know which way there were running off the tower. The pilot stated he used the landing light and moved it up and down to find the wires but could not locate them. He thought the wires were further out and not below the helicopter. As he descended, the main rotor blades contacted the wires and the helicopter fell approximately 30 to 50 feet. The 3 crew members egressed out after the pilot shut down the engines.

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