



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Ryan Ashcraft (Pilot)
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The following is a summary of a telephone conversation with the above mentioned:

The pilot reported that it was the second hunt with the passenger involved in the accident. He added that he had given a passenger safety briefing prior to the accident flight, as well as all flights with passengers.

The pilot reported that in former preflight/safety briefings he discussed gun safety, such as where to point the gun to avoid striking the blades or skids; flight control space, such as cyclic and collective space and to avoid those areas; and when and where to shoot. He added that it was originally a quick discussion and run through.

The pilot added that, since the accident, his preflight safety briefings are more in depth and include a discussion of the accident and what can occur if the flight controls become lodged. He added that he allows each passenger to sit in the helicopter, prior to flight, to allow them to get a feel for the cockpit size and how to maneuver with their gun. He also added that he has included short straps for the guns that sling around the passenger's left shoulder and neck, which inadvertently prevents the gun from entering the cockpit.