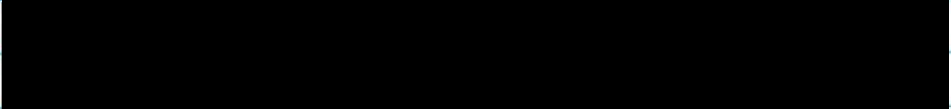


I was teaching a student to hover and transition to forward flight over the Southern end of Daniel Island. we were using access roads for alignment and practical test standards. Shortly after transitioning into forward flight we encountered a drone in a low level turn. I immediately took the controls to avoid the drone. I made an evasive turn to the right which put the helicopter into a quartering right tail wind situation. The aircraft began to settle with power which caused a tail rotor strike to the vegetation. When the aircraft lost tail rotor effectiveness I rolled the throttle down to counteract the spin. I then used collective to cushion the landing of the aircraft

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