



RECORD OF E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

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Date: October 14, 2021
Person Contacted: Alexis Ehlbeck (witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR22FA001

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Alexis Ehlbeck in an e-mail correspondence.

On October 1, 2021, Ehlbeck witnessed the crash between the fixed wing airplane and the helicopter. While facing south on the north side of Queen Creek Road where it intersects with McQueen Road. The Chandler municipal airport was to the left and that is where Ehlbeck observed the aircraft collide. The fixed wing airplane was facing northeast as the helicopter was facing to what looked like south. The airplane clipped the top of the helicopter and a few seconds later the helicopter rolled to what looked like its left and fell to the ground. The helicopter fell in the southeast corner of the Queen Creek and McQueen intersection. Ehlbeck took a picture a few seconds after the crash happened and is attached. Ehlbeck resumed heading home and then called the local police to provide contact information.



Figure 1: view of photo taken by witness.



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Date: October 23, 2021
Person Contacted: Mike Barnes (witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR22FA001

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mike Barnes in an e-mail correspondence.

On October 1, 2021 at about 07:40 am, Barnes and two flight student were preflighting an airplane for a lesson, and heard a loud noise. They were located at the South end of the November hangar. (see picture)



Figure 1: View of witness location (photo courtesy of witness)

They immediately looked to the South and saw the Robinson 22 immediately slow, and then fall directly to the ground, behind the trees. Smoke then rose and Barnes called 911 to report the incident.

They did not see the airplane at that time. It was not until several minutes later that they saw the Piper down the runway, off to one side, and then understood that there and been a mid-air.



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Date: October 14, 2021
Person Contacted: Richard Crewse (witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR22FA001

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Richard Crewse in an e-mail correspondence.

On October 1, 2021, Crewse and a friend were riding their bikes along the canal near the Chandler municipal airport. Crewse pointed towards the sky as a small plane was on its glide path to land. The plane was making a direct approach to the second runway. The second runway is to the right of what Crewse would consider the main runway. Watching planes come into land, often the landing aircraft pass directly overhead from his vantage point on the path along the canal. The helicopter was to the right of the plane in a banking turn. From Crewse vantage point, he believed the plane and the helicopter were too close to each other. He thought maybe his perspective might be off from the ground looking up. Crewse and his friend were looking up with no obstruction to their view when the helicopter flew directly into the plane. The helicopter fell like a rock to the ground and burst into flames. His friend dialed 911 and within a minute police cars were on the scene. Fire trucks then followed and traffic on the roadway stopped. Some people attempted to help but the fire was too hot. The plane went on down the runway much further down than what he has seen in the past when a plane is landing on that runway. They observed white smoke come up from the plane. From there vantage point they could not tell if the plane was able to land safely. On the morning October 14, 2021, he stopped at his usual place on Queen Creek Road and observed small planes in the same glide path; and much to his surprise saw helicopters banking in from the right of the plane and going down parallel to the runway. At one point he was afraid he was going to see a repeat of the accident. The difference where the helicopters were banking far enough out to not bring them into the glide path of the planes landing. The one thing he did not know is, did the tower give instructions to the plane or helicopter that brought them to the same point in the sky the morning of the accident.



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Date: October 17, 2021
Person Contacted: William Kimble (witness)
NTSB Accident Number: WPR22FA001

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by William Kimble in an e-mail correspondence.

On October 1, 2021, Kimble observed a single engine airplane on final approach at Chandler municipal. A two-passenger white helicopter was directly in front of the airplane. The airplane hit the rotor blade or the helicopter and continued on to land. The helicopter dropped straight down and impacted terrain.