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Below is a statement from [REDACTED] (airport manager at TYL) describing what he saw the morning of the N449RA crash. I transcribed from the conversation and read it back to Ray and he agreed what I wrote was accurate.

I pulled through the gate at approximately about 7:35, 7:40 or something. I observed the plane untied and running and noticed the windshield "more defrosted than scraped...maybe 30% of the windshield was covered with frost". I noticed he began taxiing out, perhaps to get plane into the sun, but "there was frost all over the aircraft"... Horizontal stab..everything"

I went inside, opened the door to my office. Sat down did a few minutes of stuff on the computer, then got the radio call from a transiting plane there was a crash on the runway.

He estimates the temperature that morning was about -4c/-4c at 1440z (7:40 local).

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