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Contact: Ray Weber-TYL Airport Manager

Shortly after responding to the accident site, I had a brief conversation with Mr. Weber, the airport manager at TYL. He stated to me that when he arrived that morning at the airport, he saw the accident airplane with the engine running in the parking area. The airplane begins to taxi and that is when he noticed the airplane's windshield was about 30% covered with frost. The frost that was removed was more melted from the airplane's defroster than scraped. Mr. Weber assumed that the pilot was repositioning his airplane into the sun to melt the frost from the wings and tail surfaces before the flight. He said occasionally on morning flights this time of year, it is quite common to see pilot's reposition their airplanes to melt frost prior to departure. He went inside to his office and shortly after received a call on the radio from an airplane flying over the airport that an airplane had crashed on the runway. He responded to the accident site and waited for first responders to arrive to extricate the pilot. He took photos of the airplane before the wreckage was disturbed.