

Colin Douglas – Airport Maintenance Manager

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07/09/2025

Time: 1200

Date: 07/09/2025

When did you first see the helicopter?

Around 12:30 to 12:40

Where was it at when you saw it?

Near Helicopters Northwest and lot 13. (An empty lot at the airport that is immediately north of Helicopters Northwest.)

What did you observe and what happened?

I was headed south bound on Marginal Way just prior to the tower. As I passed the tower next to lot 13, I saw the helicopter around 50 feet off the ground moving erratically side to side. Then it slightly moved forward and turned vertically 70-90 degrees. The helicopter started to fall and the pilot recovered at the last second. It then impacted the ground and went back up into the air. As it came near the power lines, I was trying to get clear of the area so in case it hit the power lines, I would not become collateral damage. It was still low and barely cleared the power lines and went out of my view.

Did you happen to see the landing when it returned and what time it was?

No.

Did you witness the pilots exiting the aircraft?

No.

Did you notice any other bystanders in the area who may have witnessed this event?

No

Do you have any video or pictures?

Yes. I notified the Airport Manager Donald McClendon and he was able to capture the video footage from the airport cameras.