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Subject: WPR26LA092, MOR of conversation with American Flyers flight school

Contact: [REDACTED] (chief instructor) & [REDACTED] (safety), American Flyers

I spoke with the chief flight instructor, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from American Flyers.

- The CFI that was supposed to be on the training flight was completing paperwork inside and was about to head to the aircraft.
- Maintenance personnel found the parking brake was not fully set.
- Normal SOP for the parking brake is to leave it off overnight while parked. And to set it correctly before engine start.
- It is not normal for students to start the plane before the instructor arrives. They have no idea why the student chose to do that. I asked if she could have learned that habit from someone else and they said that it's unlikely. That they don't teach that and that they had never seen anyone else do that before.