



# Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

<b>Location:</b>	Colchester, VT	<b>Accident Number:</b>	ERA21LA309
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	July 30, 2021, 16:25 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N36DK
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Enstrom 280	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Serious
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Enstrom	<b>Registration:</b>	N36DK
<b>Model/Series:</b>	280 FX	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Helicopter
<b>Amateur Built:</b>			
<b>Operator:</b>	BETA AIR LLC	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

**Operator Designator Code:**

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	VMC	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	BTV,340 ft msl	<b>Observation Time:</b>	16:54 Local
<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	9 Nautical Miles	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	21°C /7°C
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>		<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	13 knots / 22 knots, 310°
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	Broken / 5500 ft AGL	<b>Visibility:</b>	10 miles
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29.84 inches Hg	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	NONE
<b>Departure Point:</b>	Plattsburgh, NY (PBG)	<b>Destination:</b>	Burlington, VT (BTV)

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Serious	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	Both in-flight and on-ground
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 Serious	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	44.568671,-73.313212

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	Gerhardt, Adam
<b>Additional Participating Persons:</b>	Matt Hall; FAA/ FSDO; South Portland, ME Ryan Enders; Lycoming Engines; Williamsport, PA William Taylor; Enstrom Helicopters; Menominee, MI Nicholas Warren; Beta Technologies; South Burlington, VT
<b>Investigation Class:</b>	<a href="#">Class 3</a>
<b>Note:</b>	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.