



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

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

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

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

Operator Designator Code:

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

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

Wreckage and Impact Information

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

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Gerhardt, Adam
Additional Participating Persons:	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
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.