



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Gonzales, LA	Accident Number:	CEN22LA009
Date & Time:	October 6, 2021, 14:30 Local	Registration:	N373SP
Aircraft:	Bell 206	Injuries:	1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Public aircraft		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Bell	Registration:	N373SP
Model/Series:	206 B3	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:	None		

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KREG, 15 ft msl	Observation Time:	14:15 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	1 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	30°C / 18°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	4 knots / None, 30°
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 4300 ft AGL	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.97 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	NONE
Departure Point:	Baton Rouge, LA (BTR)	Destination:	Gonzales, LA

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	30.164095,-90.939111 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Hodges, Michael

Additional Participating Persons: Dean Johnson; FAA Baton Rouge FSDO; Baton Rouge, LA
David Riser; Rolls-Royce Corporation; Indianapolis, IN
Nora Vallée (Accredited Representative); Transportation Safety Board of Canada; Gatineau, OF
Mona Polson (Technical Advisor); Bell Textron; Fort Worth, TX

Investigation Class: [Class 3](#)

Note: The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.