

CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION
AIRPORT INCIDENT REPORT

3662

Name of Airport Date of Incident Time
Weather Conditions Lighting

Type of Incident Property Damage ☒ [Show](#) | Injury ☐ | Auto ☐ | Theft/Lost Property ☐
Exact Location

Describe Incident / Accident

Las Vegas Metro Search and Rescue helicopter N911BL (Hughes 369FF) was extensively damaged on 9/24/2012 at 1407 (local). The aircraft was piloted by Darin Garness (certificate [REDACTED] – contact [REDACTED] and Cliff Wicks (certificate unknown) – contact unknown. They were performing training maneuvers on the east side of the airport. During auto-rotation the aircraft contacted taxiway Z and came to rest on its side north of the taxiway in the infield outside of the movement area. When I arrived on the scene the pilots were alert and moving around the aircraft. Subsequently, both pilots were transported via ground ambulance to UMC for further examination.

The aircraft sustained the following damage: all main rotor blades were bent, tail rotor was detached and the right skid was detached.

The local FAA FSDO conducted an investigation. NTSB contact: Jim Struhsaker.

The aircraft was recovered by Ewing Brothers crane service and relocated to the Metro hangar.

Purpose on Airport Property

Ticketed Passenger ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was Medical Attention Provided? ☒ Yes ☐ No By Whom

Was Injured Taken to the Hospital? ☒ Yes ☐ No Select Hospital

Was Injured carrying anything? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Were photos taken? ☒ Yes ☐ No [Upload and View](#)

Did Police respond? ☒ Yes ☐ No Event #

Did Fire Dept respond? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Did Taxi Authority respond? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Was a work order initiated? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Witnesses? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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