

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

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Investigation of: \*

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SURVIVAL FLIGHT HELICOPTER CRASH \*

NEAR ZALESKI, OHIO \*

Accident No.: CEN19FA072

JANUARY 29, 2019 \*

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Radio Communications

Tuesday,  
January 29, 2019

KEY:

ERT = Emergency Room Technician  
Holzer Meigs

OCC = Operations Control Center  
Survival Flight

SF14 = Night Shift Pilot  
Survival Flight

JEN = Jennifer Topper  
Accident Pilot



R E C O R D I N G S

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2 0609:43 OCC: Survival Flight. This is Graham.  
3 ERT: Yeah, this is Ashley at Holzer Meigs Emergency  
4 Room. We have a patient wanting to fly to  
5 Riverside.  
6 OCC: Holzer Meigs to Riverside?  
7 ERT: Yes.  
8 OCC: Okay. And you're Holzer Meigs in Pomeroy,  
9 correct?  
10 ERT: Yes.  
11 OCC: Okay. Give me just a moment. I do have to  
12 check weather on this.  
13 0611:05 SF14: Wally.  
14 OCC: Wally, hey, I got a weather check for you. It's  
15 an inter-facility, from Holzer Meigs coming back  
16 up to Riverside. That's 141 by 69.  
17 0611:33 SF14: We can take that flight.  
18 OCC: Okay. Hold on just a moment.  
19 SF14: We're real, we're real close to shift change. I  
20 might have Jen just meet them at the pad.  
21 OCC: If she's there and available. Hold on just a  
22 second. Give me a moment.  
23 SF14: Yeah.  
24 0612:10 OCC: Hey, Wally?  
25 SF14: Yes.

1 OCC: Yeah, it's a go if you guys can, if you guys can  
2 work it so there's no delay.

3 SF14: Okay. Yeah, she is, she is like 5 minutes from  
4 the pad.

5 OCC: Okay, perfect. Yeah, it's a go. It's a go  
6 flight, so she can meet you there. They want you  
7 over there, and I'll grab the patient information  
8 right now.

9 SF14: Okay. Topper will take the flight.

10 OCC: Awesome. Thank you, sir.

11 SF14: Yep. Bye.

12 OCC: Bye.

13 SF14: Hey, Jen, you there?  
14 (Dial tone.)

15 0625:35 JEN: And operations, 14. You just wanted to confirm  
16 with me that this --

17 OCC: 014, that is in Pomeroy, Pomeroy, Ohio, for  
18 Holzer Meigs. It looks like it's a heading of  
19 141 by 69.

20 JEN: Copy that. 14.

21 0627:40 JEN: Operations, 14. Could I get some coordinates  
22 from you?

23 OCC: 014, absolutely. It looks like it's going to be  
24 north 3-Niner-0328 by west 820088.

25 0628:11 JEN: Copy that. 14.

1 0629:36 OCC: 014, Ops.  
2 JEN: Go. 014.  
3 OCC: 14, at your earliest convenience just go ahead  
4 and give me your flight release.  
5 JEN: Oh, copy that. I'm green in all categories, same  
6 crew as last night, and no PRs or maintenance.  
7 OCC: Copy that. Green across the board, no PRs, no  
8 maintenance, same crew, Golf-Hotel. And I'll get  
9 you the OCM when you land.  
10 0630:38 JEN: Copy that. We're ready for patient information.  
11 0630:51 OCC: Copy that. Patient's in the ER at Holzer Meigs  
12 going to the ER at Riverside Methodist. We are  
13 responding to a 61-year-old female patient, 120  
14 pounds, chief complaint of an ischemic foot. And  
15 that's about it. She is on a cardiac monitor.  
16 JEN: Copy that. 14. And I'll give you my flight  
17 plan. We got 3 on board, 760 on fuel and 28  
18 (indiscernible).  
19 OCC: Copy that: 3, 760, 28.  
20 (End of recordings.)  
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