

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Office of Aviation Safety
Washington, D.C. 20594

Attachment 4 - Omega Air 70 Crew Records Summary

OPERATIONAL FACTORS

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A. ACCIDENT

Operator: Omega Aerial Refueling Services, Inc.
Location: Point Mugu Naval Air Station, California
Date: May 18, 2011
Airplane: Boeing 707-321B, Registration Number: N707AR

B. NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD (NTSB) OPERATIONS GROUP

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C. SUMMARY

On May 18, 2011, at approximately 1727 pm local time (0027 UTC), Omega Air flight 70, a Boeing 707-321B (N707AR), crashed on takeoff at the Point Mugu Naval Air Station¹, Point Mugu, California. The airplane impacted beyond the departure end of runway 21 and was destroyed by post-impact fire. All three flight crewmembers aboard escaped with minor injuries.

D. OMEGA AIR 70 RECORDS SUMMARY

Christopher John Thurmond

10/01/2010 Flight Instructor – Airplane Single and Multiengine, Instrument Airplane, Valid only when accompanied by pilot certificate [REDACTED], exp. 10/31/2012
06/10/1999 Commercial Pilot – Airplane Multiengine Land, Instrument Airplane; B-707, B-720
09/12/2000 Airline Transport Pilot – Airplane Multiengine Land; BE-200, B-707, B-720
08/23/2007 Airline Transport Pilot – Airplane Multiengine Land; B-707, B-720, BE-200; Commercial Privileges Airplane Single Engine Land

¹ Naval Base Ventura County.

11/26/2007 Airline Transport Pilot – Airplane Multiengine Land; B-707, B-720, BE-200, A-320; Commercial Privileges Airplane Single Engine Land; A-320 Circ. Apch. - VMC Only

Joseph Robert Becker

04/21/2003 Airline Transport Pilot – Airplane Multiengine Land; BE-200

01/29/2009 Airline Transport Pilot – Airplane Multiengine Land; BE-200, B-707, B-720; English Proficient

04/04/2009 Airline Transport Pilot – Airplane Multiengine Land; BE-200, B-707, B-720, DC-10; English Proficient

Kenneth Kevin McNamara

10/09/1998 Mechanic – Airframe and Powerplant

06/03/2003 Mechanic re-examination pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. Section 44709 passed

04/20/1997 Flight Engineer – Turbojet Powered

09/02/2004 Private Pilot – Airplane Single Engine Land

10/16/2005 Private Pilot – Airplane Single Engine Land Instrument Airplane