

Attachment 6

Sundance Chief Pilot Statement

## **Employment history of Landon Nield**

**December 10, 2011**

Landon was hired by Burl Boyd on June 8, 2009. Landon was interviewed prior to the hire date by Burl Boyd, Kurt Barton, and Louis Hall.

Landon had 1206 total helicopter time with over 1000 hours PIC helicopter time at hire date. He was a very clean cut, courteous young man. He was very happy about his being hired at Sundance, and remained a very happy person during his two and half years here.

### **72 Hour History**

Landon worked December 3, 2011. He logged in at 6:00 am and began his AS350 ground training with Sundance Instructor Chuck Young. He flew a 12:30 Escape tour and was scheduled for a 2:45 Sunset tour that was cancelled due to weather. That evening Landon and his wife attended the Sundance Helicopter Holiday party at Panevino's restaurant.

Landon had December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> off and returned to work on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7am. He had an 8:00 am picnic tour on an EC130 followed by a 12:30 Escape tour and 2:45 Sunset tour on an AS350. He departed Sundance at 5:15 pm.

Landon reported to work at 12:30 pm on December 7<sup>th</sup>. His first flight was a 1:30 Picnic tour on the accident aircraft. His passengers arrived on time and he greeted them on time. He escorted them to the helicopter, gave his normal briefing, and boarded them on the aircraft. He departed with one other aircraft, completed the tour, and returned and landed at 3:37. He escorted his passengers to the lobby, arranged for fuel, and removed his meal kits from the aircraft. He rested in the pilot room for awhile and then met his passengers for the next flight. They arrived on time and were escorted to the aircraft and given the standard briefing. Landon then departed at 4:21 for his Twilight tour. There were no out of the ordinary issues for any of the last days Landon worked.

On a personal note, I saw Landon on the day of the accident. He was walking through the lobby and we just said normal greetings. Landon had recently changed his hair style a bit. His hair is fairly short and he had started spiking it just a little. One of his fellow pilots said, "Landon, you look like you just rolled out of bed and came to work." Landon just laughed and continued with his day. He was always in a good mood and grinning or laughing. He was not overly talkative but always involved with his peers. He was very easy to like. I do not remember ever seeing him any other way. He will truly be missed by us all.

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