



Internal Memorandum

Date: 11/16/2011

To: Captain Pat Cooney; Regional Director / Chief Pilot DTW
From: Captain K.L. Burkett
Subject: II11-89 FL1691 11/10/2011 A320-211 MSP-RNO CAP1:
BURKETT, K.L. F/O1: ROBBINS, W.M.

This statement is provided at the request of the Chief Pilot's Office.

I was the Captain on flight 1691, MSP-RNO. On departure at about 3000' msl, I noticed a large (more than 30) flock of what was thought to be geese heading toward the aircraft. The First Officer who was flying pulled up in an attempt to avoid the geese but hit at least one with major force toward the front of the aircraft. All engine instruments looked normal. Loss of cabin pressure was not a problem at 3000' msl. Continued loud noise and the FO's airspeed fluctuations confirmed major aircraft damage. An emergency was declared and a return to MSP airport. An overweight landing was accomplished with no difficulty.

I understand this statement may be released to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

Regards,

K.L.Burkett

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