

**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT**

This form to be used for reporting civil and public use aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location

Nearest City/Place: Fall Branch State: TN
 ZIP: 37659 Country: USA
 Latitude: 36:25:1.9 (dd:mm:ss N/S) Longitude: 82:35:3.7 (ddd:mm:ss E/W)

Date/Time

Date: 12/21/2011 Local Time: 16:15
mm/dd/yyyy
 Time Zone: Eastern

Phase of Operation

☐ Standing ☐ Takeoff (incl. initial climb) ☒ Cruise ☐ Hover
☐ Taxi ☐ Climb ☐ Maneuvering ☐ Other
☐ Descent ☐ Landing ☐ Approach ☐ Unknown

Collision with Other Aircraft

☐ Midair
☐ On-ground
☒ None

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence

300 ft MSL

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: MD Helicopters

Model: 369 D

Serial Number: 590521D

Registration Number: N500TN

Amateur-built: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Max Gross Weight: 3,000 lbs

Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 2,003 lbs

Location of Center of Gravity at Time of Accident/Incident:

105.9 inches from ☐ nose or ☒ datum
 -or- Percent Mean Aerodynamic Cord (% MAC)

Category of Aircraft

☐ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyrocraft
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered lift
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

**Type of Airworthiness Certificate
(Check all that apply)**

Standard

☒ Normal
☐ Utility
☐ Aerobatic
☐ Transport

Special

☐ Restricted
☐ Limited
☐ Provisional
☐ Experimental
☐ Special Flight
☐ Light Sport

Number of Seats: 4

If Large Aircraft, how many seats for:

Flight Crew: _____

Cabin Crew: _____

Passengers: _____

Landing Gear ☐ Retractable

Check any additional landing gear configuration that applies:

☐ Tricycle ☐ Tailwheel
☐ Amphibian ☐ High Skid
☐ Emergency Float ☒ Skid
☐ Float ☐ Ski
☐ Hull ☐ Ski/Wheel
☐ Unknown

Type of Maintenance Program

☒ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☒ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: _____

Last Inspection Type

☒ 100 Hour ☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ AAIP ☐ Conditional Inspection
☒ Annual ☐ Unknown

Date Last Inspection: 12/05/2011

mm/dd/yyyy

Airframe Total Time: 14,193 hrs

hours measured at (check one)

☒ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident

IFR Equipped

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Stall Warning System Installed

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Type of Fire Extinguishing System

☒ None

☐ Specify _____

ELT Installed

☒ Yes ☐ No

ELT Activated

☐ Yes ☒ No

ELT Manufacturer: Artex

Model/Series: C406-1HM

ELT Aided in Locating Accident/Incident

☐ Yes ☒ No

Serial Number: 170-13069

Battery Type: Five Year Lithium

Battery Exp. Date: 11-2015

Engine Type

☐ Reciprocating ☐ Turbo Jet
☒ Turbo Shaft ☐ Turbo Fan
☐ Turbo Prop ☐ Unknown

Reciprocating Fuel System Type

☐ Carburetor
☐ Fuel Injected

Propeller

☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. <u>mm/dd/yyyy</u>	Engine Rated Power Measured as (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horsepower or <input type="checkbox"/> lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since Inspection (hours)	Time Since Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Rolls Royce	250-C20R/2	CAE-295450	UNK	450	4,903	54	439
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION		
Registered Aircraft Owner Name: <u>Air2, LLC</u> Fractional Ownership Aircraft: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Owner Address City: <u>Timonium</u> State: <u>MD</u> ZIP: <u>21093</u> Country: <u>USA</u>
Operator of Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same As Registered Owner Name: _____ Doing Business As: _____ Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____		Operator Address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same As Registered Owner City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____
Regulation Flight Conducted Under <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAR 91 <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 129 <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 91 Special Flight <input type="checkbox"/> Public Use (select type) <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 103 <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 133 <input type="checkbox"/> Non-US, Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 121 <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 135 <input type="checkbox"/> Non-US, Non-commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 125 <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 137 <input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces		Revenue Sightseeing Flight <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Air Medical Flight <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Executive/Corporate <input type="checkbox"/> Other Work Use <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional <input type="checkbox"/> Ferry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positioning <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Application <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Air Drop <input type="checkbox"/> Air Race / Show <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Test <input type="checkbox"/> Public Use <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 (Select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled or Commuter <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi Domestic or International <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domestic <input type="checkbox"/> International Cargo Operation <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger/Cargo <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger _____ How many? <input type="checkbox"/> Cargo _____ lbs <input type="checkbox"/> Mail	Type of Commercial Operating Certificate Held (Select all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (121) <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental <input type="checkbox"/> Air Cargo <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Air Carriers (129) <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter Air Carrier (135) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Demand Air Taxi (135) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Helicopter (127) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotorcraft External Load (133) - or - <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Aircraft (137) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Operator of Large Aircraft
OTHER AIRCRAFT - COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)		
Aircraft Registration Number <u>N/A</u>	Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____	Damage to Other Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial <input type="checkbox"/> None
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		
Pilot of Other Aircraft First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		
MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)		
Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown (If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)		Total Time/Cycles On Part _____ Hours _____ Cycles Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled _____ Hours
DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY		
Aircraft Damage <input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed	Aircraft Fire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Both Ground and In-Flight <input type="checkbox"/> In-Flight <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Origin <input type="checkbox"/> On-Ground	Aircraft Explosion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Both Ground and In-Flight <input type="checkbox"/> In-Flight <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Origin <input type="checkbox"/> On-Ground

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(use additional sheet if necessary)*

Non-repairable damage was sustained to the green rotor blade, PN: 500P2100-105 SN:429A.

A level 2 sudden stoppage inspection will be performed in accordance with technical manual CSP-HMI-2.

1 - Damaged rotor head

1 - Severed 230kV transmission phase conductor (Cane River - Nagle (West) 230kV (span 19-20 over Interstate 81))

1 - Severed distribution line with power outage

AIRPORT INFORMATION *(If the accident/incident occurred on approach, takeoff or within 3 miles of an airport, complete this section)*Airport Identifier: N/A

Distance From Airport Center: _____ SM

Airport Name: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees MAG

Proximity to Airport ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport ☐ On Airstrip

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. MSL

Approach Segment *(Select one)*☐ On Instrument Approach☐ Landing☐ Base leg☐ Final☐ Go Around☐ Crosswind☐ Downwind☐ Low Approach☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)**IFR Approach** *(Check all that apply)*☐ None☐ PAR☐ MLS☐ Practice☐ ADF/NDB☐ Sideslip☐ LDA☐ GPS☐ SDF☐ ILS☐ ASR☐ Loran☐ VOR/TVOR☐ Localizer Only☐ Visual☐ Unknown☐ VOR/DME☐ LOC-back course☐ Contact☐ TACAN☐ RNAV☐ Circling**VFR Approach** *(Check all that apply)*☐ None☐ Stop and Go☐ Traffic Pattern☐ Touch and Go☐ Straight-In☐ Simulated Forced Landing☐ Valley/Terrain Following☐ Forced Landing☐ Go Around☐ Precautionary Landing☐ Full Stop☐ Unknown**Runway Information**

Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface *(Check all that apply)*☐ Dry☐ Snow-Compacted☐ Water-Calm☐ Holes☐ Snow-Crusted☐ Water-Choppy☐ Ice Covered☐ Snow-Dry☐ Water-Glassy☐ Rough☐ Snow-Wet☐ Wet☐ Rubber Deposits☐ Soft☐ Unknown☐ Slush Covered☐ Vegetation**FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION****Last Departure Point**Airport ID: KDKXCity: KnoxvilleState: TNCountry: USA**Time of Departure**Time: 15:45Time Zone: EST**Destination**Airport ID: KTRICity: BlountvilleState: TNCountry: USA**Type Flight Plan Filed**☐ None☐ VFR/IFR☒ Company VFR☐ IFR☐ Military VFR☐ Unknown☐ VFRActivated? ☐ Yes ☐ No**Type of ATC Clearance/Service** *(Check all that apply)*☒ None☐ Special VFR☐ Special IFR☐ VFR Flight Following☐ Cruise☐ VFR☐ IFR☐ VFR-On Top☐ Traffic Advisory☐ Unknown / NA**Airspace where the accident/incident occurred** *(Check all that apply)*☐ Class A☐ Class E☐ Prohibited Area☐ Jet Training Area☐ Special☐ Class B☒ Class G☐ Restricted Area☐ TRSA☐ Air Traffic Control Area☐ Class C☐ Demo Area☐ Military Operations Area (MOA)☐ FAR 93☐ Unknown☐ Class D☐ Warning Area☐ Airport Advisory Area**Aircraft Load Description** *(Check all that apply)*☒ None☐ Towing Glider☐ Parachutists☐ Livestock☐ Passengers☐ Towing Banner☐ Water☐ Unknown☐ Cargo☐ Other External☐ Chemical/Fertilizer/Seeds**FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION****Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff***(convert from pounds, as necessary)*64 Gallons**Fuel Type**☐ 80/87☐ 115/145☐ JP3☐ Other, specify _____☐ 100 Low Lead☒ Jet A☐ JP4☐ 100/130☐ Automotive☐ JP5

Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Method of Exit – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE**Weather Observation Facility**Facility ID: KTRIObservation Time: 16:14Time Zone: ESTDistance from Accident Site: 9 NMDirection from Accident Site: 074 degrees MAG**Source of Weather Information**

(Check all that apply)

☒ National Weather Service☐ Flight Service Station☐ TV/Radio☐ Automated Report☐ Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)☐ Company☐ Military☐ Internet☐ Unknown**Method of Briefing**

(Check all that apply)

☐ In Person☐ Teletype☒ Telephone/Computer☒ Aircraft Radio☐ TV/Radio☐ Unknown**Briefing Type/Completeness**☐ Full☒ Partial / Limited By Pilot☐ Partial / Limited By Briefer☐ Abbreviated☐ Unknown☐ Not Pertinent**Light Condition**☐ Dawn☒ Day☐ Dusk☐ Night☐ Dark Night☐ Bright Night☐ Not Reported**Visibility**1 miles**Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition**☐ Clear☐ Few☒ Partial Obscuration☐ Scattered☐ Thin Broken☐ Thin Overcast☐ Unknown**Ceiling**☐ None (clear)☐ Broken☒ Overcast☐ Obscured☐ Indefinite☐ Unknown**Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)**☐ None☐ Blowing Dust☐ Blowing Sand☐ Blowing Snow☐ Blowing Spray☐ Dust☒ Fog☐ Ground Fog☐ Haze☐ Ice Fog☐ Smoke☐ Unknown**Lowest Cloud Condition Height**400 ft AGL**Ceiling Height**400 ft AGL**Wind Direction**☐ Indicated:270 degrees MAG☐ Variable**Wind Speed**Velocity: 10 KTS

-or-

☐ Calm☐ Light and Variable**Wind Gusts**

Velocity: _____ KTS

☐ Gusting☒ Not Gusting**Type of Turbulence (Check all that apply)**☒ None☐ Clear Air☐ In Clouds☐ Vicinity of Thunderstorm**Severity of Turbulence**☐ Extreme☐ Severe☐ Moderate☐ Moderate Chop☐ Light

NOTAMS (D, L and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident

Temperature: _____ (C)
or _____ (F)Altimeter Setting: _____ in. HG
or _____ MB

Density Altitude: _____ ft

Dew Point: _____ (C)
or _____ (F)**Icing Forecast**

Amount

☒ None☐ Trace☐ Light☐ Moderate☐ Severe

Type

☐ Rime☐ Clear☐ Mixed**Icing Actual**

Amount

☒ None☐ Trace☐ Light☐ Moderate☐ Severe

Type

☐ Rime☐ Clear☐ Mixed**Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)**☒ None☐ Rain☐ Snow☐ Hail☐ Rain Showers☐ Freezing Rain☐ Snow Shower☐ Drizzle☐ Ice Pellets☐ Snow Pellets☐ Snow Grains☐ Ice Crystals☐ Ice Pellets Shower☐ Freezing Drizzle**Intensity of Precipitation**☐ Light☐ Moderate☐ Heavy

PILOT "A" INFORMATION**Pilot "A" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☒ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

Pilot "A" IdentificationFirst Name: NashMiddle Initial: R.Last Name: SaundersCity: ArvadaState: COZIP: 80002Country: USAAge at time of Accident/Incident: 32Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyyCertificate Number: mm/dd/yyyy**Degree of Injury**

☒ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

☒ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Seat Belt

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
Available ☒ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder Harness

Used ☒ Yes ☐ No
Available ☒ Yes ☐ No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☒ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign
☐ Private ☒ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military

Principal Occupation

☒ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☐ Class 3
☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☒ Class 2 ☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

☒ Without limitations/waivers
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical11/28/2011mm/dd/yyyy**Medical Certificate Limitations**

NONE

Medical Certificate Waivers

NONE

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:01/21/2011mm/dd/yyyy**Flight Review Aircraft**Make: BellModel: 206L4**Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)**

☒ None
☐ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Free Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airplane
☒ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☒ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☒ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings**Student Endorsements (Include dates)**

Flight Time (enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time	2,337	400			211		75	2,337		
Pilot in Command (PIC)	2,387	400			211		75	2,387		
Time as Instructor	1,200	0					30	1,200		
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days	220	220						220		
Last 30 Days	70	70						70		
Last 24 Hours	7	7						7		

PILOT "B" INFORMATION

Pilot "B" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

☐ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

Pilot "B" Identification

First Name: _____ City: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ Date of Birth: _____ mm/dd/yyyy Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury

☐ None ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor ☐ Unknown
☐ Serious

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Seat Belt

Used ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Shoulder Harness

Used ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Student ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Foreign
☐ Private ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Sport ☐ Airline Transport ☐ U.S. Military

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☐ Class 3
☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

☐ Without limitations/waivers
☐ With limitations/waivers
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Medical

mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Waivers

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____
 Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Free Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multi-Engine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered Lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements (Include dates)

Flight Time (enter appropriate number of hours in each box)

	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot in Command (PIC)										
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin attendants, complete the following information)

Pilot Name and Address First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		Degree of Injury <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Serious
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Sport <input type="checkbox"/> Airline Transport <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Military		Seat Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> Center <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs

Pilot Name and Address First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		Degree of Injury <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Serious
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Sport <input type="checkbox"/> Airline Transport <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Military		Seat Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> Center <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs

Pilot Name and Address First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____		Degree of Injury <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Serious
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Sport <input type="checkbox"/> Airline Transport <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Military		Seat Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> Center <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs

PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include flight attendants, continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Name and Address	Seat	Crew	Non-Revenue	Revenue	Non-Occupant	FAA	Fatal	Serious Injury	Minor Injury	No Injury	Unknown
First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____											
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NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT (Please type or print in ink)

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State time and point of departure, intended destination, and services obtained.

At 16:15 EST. I was flying helicopter N500TN a Hughes 500 from Knoxville Downtown (KDKX) airport to Tri-Cities Regional (KTRI) on a course of 072 degrees magnetic at around 400 feet AGL at 65 knots. I was following I-81 into KTRI when one of my main rotor blades made contact with a power line. When leaving KDKX the weather was VFR conditions, as was KTRI per aviationweather.gov. I took off around 30 minutes before hitting the wire. Around 1-2 miles west of where I hit the wire the cloud ceilings rapidly started to lower. I listened to ATIS at KTRI which was 9 miles away at the time, they were reporting 10 miles visibility 1300 foot ceilings about the same time marker balls appeared in front of me. I was traveling at 65 knots and lowered the collective and make a right turn trying to avoid contact with the wires. One blade cut through the wire but the rotor RPM remained in the green allowing me to make a power on approach to landing in a field to the south of I-81. As stated by Nash Saunders.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)**Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation**

Due to deteriorating weather conditions, the pilot should have discontinued the flight to the airport (KTRI) until such a time as the weather conditions would permit further flight towards KTRI. The pilot's options at the time were: 1) Reverse course and return to the starting point of the flight, 2) Find a suitable landing area to land and wait for the weather to improve, or 3) Proceed to an alternate airport.

Recommended prevention: Give the pilot additional training; Subjects to include, but not be limited to:

- 1) Cockpit resource management,
- 2) Wire strike avoidance training, and
- 3) Inadvertent IMC training.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Please type or print in ink)*

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

The weather reported by the pilot (Nash Saunders) at the time of this event was approximately 1/4 mile. The field in this document does not permit entering fractions of a mile.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE**Date of this Report**

12/22/2011

mm/dd/yyyy

Signature and Name of Pilot/Operator

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: _____

Signature and Name of Person Filing Report if Other than Pilot/Operator

Signature: _____

Type or Print Name: Michael A. Newman

Title: Director Safety and Training

FOR NTSB USE ONLY**NTSB Accident/Incident No.**

ERA12CA119

Reviewed by NTSB Regional Office

ASHBURN, VA

Name of Investigator

T. GUNTHER

Date Report Received

1/3/12

ONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

pace if additional space is needed for any answers.

reported by the pilot (Nash Saunders) at the time of this event was approximately 1/4 mile. The field in this document does not permit entering fractions of a mile.

CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

is Report	Signature and Name of Pilot/Operator		
2011	Signature: [Redacted]		
yyyy	Type or Print Name: <u>Nash Saunders</u>		
and Name of Person Filing Report if Other than Pilot/Operator			
<u>[Redacted]</u>			
Name: Michael A. Newman			
ctor Safety and Training			
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