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WPR11MA454

Attachment 9 – Record of Conversation – Incident Commander

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RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Aviation Accident Investigator
Western Pacific Region

Date: August 2, 2012
Person Contacted: Tim Spencer – Incident Command
NTSB Accident Number: WPR11MA454

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation, Mr. Spencer reported that during the initial response, the cell phone service outage had no impact on emergency operations. All communications to units in the field were handled via the radio system. Mr. Spencer stated that the declaration of a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) was made seconds after the accident and all notifications to essential entities were made through their dispatch in accordance with the county-wide MCI plan. Mr. Spencer further stated that within the tower he had a dedicated phone land line which he utilized when needed.

Mr. Spencer further reported that he was unaware of any first responders that were confused by the use of the yellow blankets in conjunction with the color-coded SMART Triage System. The color-coded tarps laid down in the patient collection areas proved to be very effective in rapidly sorting out the injured.