

PAUL FURLOW STATEMENT

ACCIDENT 10/7/16

The flight on Friday, October 7, 2016, was planned to be from KJVY to KW29. I had already planned the flight, and had previously flown this same route of flight. The night before, I had more than 8 hours sleep and was well rested the day of the flight.

As part of my preflight preparation I became familiar with all available information concerning the flight, including but not limited to obtaining and reviewing all airport information including alternates, weather, fuel requirements, and TFRs. I went to KJVY where I keep my plane and carried out all of my preflight checks. I made a final call to KW29 for a weather report, and determined the weather was all OK. I took off at approximately 11:35am Eastern time, flying North East at 5500 feet. On route, I checked ATIS information and monitored weather. Due to weather, I decided to divert to the nearest airport, which was Ingalls Field (KHSP).

While on route to KHSP the visibility deteriorated and warnings on the GPS came up: TERRAIN ALERT. Attempted to pull up twice, but impacted terrain. When able, my passenger called 911, while I carried out emergency procedures such as turning off power and turning off fuel. I reached for my portable radio and called MAYDAY. Waited in the plane until rescuers arrived.



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: October 11, 2016
Person Contacted: Paul Furlow (Pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17CA008

Mr. Furlow was interviewed over the telephone.

According to Mr. Furlow, he and his girlfriend had departed Sellersburg, Indiana and were supposed to fly to Annapolis, Maryland. He had flown the route before without any problems.

He had received his weather from Flightplan.com and the weather report looked "perfect."

Enroute to his destination, "fog and clouds came down really thick." He tried to divert to Hot Springs, Virginia. He could not see and when he began to descend, he received a "terrain alert" a couple of times. He pulled up twice but, impacted the trees on a mountain side.

Both he and his girlfriend were seriously injured during the accident. Neither had life threatening injuries, and both were released from the hospital and sent home.

He advised, that there had been no mechanical problems with the airplane prior to the accident.