## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD NTSB Form 6120.1 PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT

Email the pilot/operator aircraft accident/incident report to the investigator-in-charge of your accident/incident. If email is not available, mail the report per the instructions below.

If your accident/incident occurred in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or the US Virgin Islands, send the form to: NTSB, ERA, 45065 Riverside Parkway, Ashburn, VA 20147.

If your accident/incident occurred in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, or New Mexico, send the form to: NTSB, CEN, 4760 Oakland Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80239.

If your accident/incident occurred in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, or the territories of Guam or American Samoa, send the form to: NTSB, WPR, 505 South 336th Street, Suite 540, Federal Way, WA 98003.

If your accident/incident occurred in Alaska, send the form to: NTSB, ANC, 222 West 7th Avenue, Room 216, Box 11, Anchorage, AK 99513.

Rules pertaining to notification of aircraft accidents and incidents, as well as overdue aircraft are found in 49 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 830 http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/ Title49/49cfr830\_main\_02.tpl. These rules state the authority of the NTSB, define accidents, incidents, injuries, and other terms, and provide procedures for initial and immediate notification of accidents and incidents by aircraft pilots/operators.

#### A. APPLICABILITY

The pilot/operator of an aircraft shall send a report to the office listed above, based on accident/incident location; immediate notification is required by 49 CFR 830.5(a). The report shall be filed within 10 days after an accident for which notification is required by Section 830.5, or after 7 days if an overdue aircraft is still missing.

An aircraft accident, as defined in 49 CFR 830.2, is determined as an occurrence that involves a fatality or serious injury, or substantial damage to the aircraft. For occurrences that do not involve a fatality, the determination that the occurrence is an accident can be appealed by writing to the Director, Office of Aviation Safety, NTSB, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.

The NTSB uses this form for aircraft accident prevention activities and for statistical purposes. NTSB regulations (49 CFR Part 830) require that **ALL** questions be answered completely and accurately. Completion of this form will take approximately 60 minutes. The NTSB does not guarantee the privacy of any information provided in this form. You need not complete this form unless it displays a valid OMB control number, in accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 1320.5(b), which applies to this collection of information.

#### **B. DEFINITIONS**

1. "Aircraft Accident" means an occurrence associated with the operation of an aircraft that takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft with the intention of flight and all such persons have disembarked, and in which any person suffers death, or serious injury, or in which the aircraft receives substantial damage. For purposes of this form, the definition of "aircraft accident" includes "unmanned aircraft accident," as defined at 49 CFR 830.2.

2. "Substantial Damage" means damage or failure that adversely affects the structural strength, performance or flight characteristics of the aircraft, and that would normally require major repair or replacement of the affected component. NOTE: Engine failure or damage limited to an engine if only one engine fails or is damaged, bent fairing or cowling, dented skin, small puncture holes in the skin or fabric, ground damage to rotor or propeller blades, and damage to landing gear, wheels, tires, flaps, engine accessories, brakes, or wing tips are not considered "substantial damage" for purposes of this report.

3. "Operator" means any person who causes or authorizes the operation of an aircraft, such as the owner, lessee, or bailee of an aircraft.

4. "Fatal Injury" means any injury that results in death within thirty (30) days of the accident.

5. "Serious Injury" means any injury that (1) requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within 7 days from the date the injury was received; (2) results in a fracture of any bone (except simple fracture of fingers, toes, or nose); (3) causes severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle, or tendon damage; (4) involves injury to any internal organ; or (5) involves second- or third-degree burns, or any burns affecting more than 5 percent of the body surface.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO PILOTS/OPERATORS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM It is necessary that ALL questions on this report be answered completely and accurately. If more space is needed, continue on a blank sheet of paper.

Nearest City/Place: Use the name of the nearest community in the T state where the accident/incident occurred.

*Date/Time:* Indicate the date and local time of the event. Be sure to indicate the time zone.

*Phase of Operation:* Indicate the phase of operation during which the accident/incident occurred.

Aircraft Information: Enter aircraft make and model information as indicated on the aircraft registration certificate, including series. If the involved aircraft is certified as "amateur-built," include the name of the producer of the kit or plans, unless an NTSB employee instructs otherwise.

*Maximum Gross Weight:* Enter the certificated maximum gross weight for the aircraft involved in the occurrence. This should be the same as the maximum gross weight indicated on the aircraft weight and balance documents.

*Engine:* Enter engine make and model information as indicated on the engine data plate.

*Type of Fire Extinguishing System:* If a fire extinguishing system was used to fight an aircraft fire, specify the type(s) of extinguishing system(s) used. Examples include handheld extinguisher, engine fire bottle, cargo/baggage compartment fire suppression system, or airport emergency ground equipment.

*Owner/Operator Information:* Enter the owner information as shown on the registration certificate. Commercial operators, enter the operator information, including "doing business as" when applicable, as shown on the operator certificate.

*Revenue Sightseeing Flight:* Indicate whether the accident aircraft was conducting **revenue** sightseeing operations under 14 CFR Part 91 at the time of the accident.

Air Medical Flight: Indicate whether the accident flight was being conducted for the purpose of carrying medical personnel, patient(s), or organs.

*Public Aircraft:* Federal, state or local government flight operations such as official travel, law-enforcement, low-level observation, aerial application, firefighting, search and rescue, biological or geological resource management, or aeronautical research. Indicate whether the flight was conducted by the armed forces, federal, state, or local government.

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OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION									
Registered Aircraft Owner		City: Fresno							
Name: Robin Rogers		State: <u>Ca</u> ZIP: 93727							
Fractional Ownership Aircraft: O Yes O	) No	Country: USA							
Operator of Aircraft Same As Re	egistered Owner	☑ Same Address as Registered Owner							
Name: Rogers Helicopters, Inc.		City:							
		State: ZIP:							
Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Charact	er Code): <u>CUCL</u>	Country:							
<b>Operating Certificates Held</b> (Check all that apply)	Regulation Flight Conducted Un	nder Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135 (Select one for each group)							
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AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in	if accident/incident occurred on app	oproach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)							
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<ul> <li>"Flight Crewmember 1" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident</li> <li>● Pilot</li> <li>O Co-Pilot</li> <li>O Student Pilot</li> <li>O Flight Instructor</li> <li>O Check Pilot</li> <li>O Flight Engineer</li> <li>O Other Flight Crew</li> </ul>											
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"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION											
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"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying □ Yes □No											
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### DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY

Aircraft Damage

O Minor

ge O Substantial O Destroyed

O Unknown

Aircraft Fire O None O In-Flight

On-Ground

O Both Ground and In-Flight O Fire at Unknown Time O Unknown

#### Aircraft Explosion

O None O In-Flight O On-Ground O Both Ground and In-Flight O Explosion at Unknown Time O Unknown

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

Total loss. The aircraft was destroyed in a post accident fire.

# 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 departure time and and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

Start of day at Sanger fire station: 0915hrs—preflight of aircraft, preparation of performance data calculated for '6000MSL and 30degC 1000hrs: morning brief to include weather and fire activity provided by CALFIRE Helicopter managers.

~1100hrs notification of fire support in the Sierra NF and subsequent launch. First fuel cycle I flew approximately a 1.6 on the Hobbs and conducted 8 water drops uneventfully on the lower fire working at an MSL 6000'-7000'+. All systems were fully operational with helicopter and tank. \*Of note: on two water pickups during this time period after I filled my tank and pulled the snorkel out of the dip site, I noticed the pump was still running. I jiggled the switch with more than typical effort and the pump did shut off. When I was low on fuel, I left to Sanger and was requested to get "hot" gas. I landed uneventfully. The crew fueled the helicopter with Jet-A, and the mechanic did a walk around.

Mishap Sortie: at ~1315 I departed Sanger direct to Pine Flat Reservoir to pick up my first load of water, as directed by the overhead Air Tactics Officer. I hovered over the reservoir at a known spot I was comfortable with- near the southern shoreline. Once I put the snorkel in the water, I activated the pump as per SOP, but noticed water spilling from somewhere in the tank area. I could not determine if the tank doors were open through my mirror. I stopped pumping and activated the doors. No movement was noticed. I paused, then decided to re-set the system. I climbed to approximately 20'AWL, pinned the collective with my knee and switched hands on the Cyclic so my right hand could reach the tank power switch on the center console. After the reset, I activated the doors and got a positive reaction, indicating they were working properly. I then lowered the helicopter and started to pump. To confirm the system was working correctly, I activated the doors- and water exited the tank as per normal. I ran the pump until I read 75-78% torque, as I knew I was going to the same fire area at altitude.

The climb to the fire area was uneventful. Air Tactics requested I go to another smoke- close by and just up the hill from the first one I worked previously. The fire was located well above 7000' MSL and was on a gently sloping area of meadow and ~100ft Pine trees. I was able to see the orange VS-17 panel placed by the ground crew as I did my recon. Winds were variable so I elected to start from slightly higher terrain NW of the fire to lower terrain SE. I started my final from ~50-75ft above the trees and above ETL. As I got closer to the area, I noticed I needed more power than typical- but I was not initially concerned; I made sure to have a flat to downhill escape. I then slowed below ETL, because the target area they requested for the drop was small. I had a tank, and dropping high up and fast is ineffective. As I approached, lower and slow, I felt I was pulling more power than should be required, so I decided to jettison the water- but there was no effect. I hit the drop switch harder, and then moved my finger to the pump switch because I thought it was causing the drop switch to not activate.

While this (switch position changing/re-actuation) was in work, I was evaluating my abort locations given my flight vector and retained payload. I decided to abort left towards a lower meadow; I believed I had enough power to make it to that area, and continuing forward over the trees seemed a much higher risk both in terms of required power and the nature of the obstacle they presented. The left turn to the meadow required additional power, but I believed the power required was less than that required to clear the lower trees leading to the meadow; I felt it was my best escape option. The inability of the system to jettison the water required me to pull to my power upper limit, because I did not have OGE power at the altitude and jettisonable weight. I believed I had the turn to the meadow made, and then my low rotor horn activated and a blade hit the largest tree on the right. I remember reacting- immediately adding aft cyclic to lead the fall with the tail. My memory from the time of the fall to my being extricated from my seat by on-site rescue personnel remains unclear. My next clear memory was walking with the assistance of the rescue team, but I was instructed to sit down- as I was in shock. The three firefighters who rescued me from the aircraft said the helicopter landed intact but the gear and water tank crushed. They said it was a few minutes after they pulled me out that the post-crash fire reached/consumed the cabin.

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