

WPR21FA143

SURVIVAL FACTORS

Specialist's Factual Report - Attachment 2
Search and Rescue Timeline

May 27, 2022

Date	Time (AKST)	Time (UTC)	Event	Source
3/27/2021	1835	0235	Accident occurred	GPS data
3/27/2021	2110	0510	Soloy Helicopters (Baechler) notified AKRCC that one of their helicopter (N351SH) leased by 3rd Edge was "2 hours overdue." The "AFF flight tracker" showed a last known position (LKP) of 61.4515N 148.3915W which was in the vicinity of Metal Creek near Knik Glacier. Soloy reported having another helicopter en route to search those coordinates and was 15 minutes out. Soloy also reported occupants were not answering their satellite phone which was not normal.	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2112	0512	3rd Edge Heli (Cosgrove) contacted AKRCC and provided the same info as Soloy. Confirmed they were not answering satellite phone and were concerned. Location was plotting on ridgeline between Metal Creek and Glacier Fork.	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2119	0519	3rd Edge Heli (Cosgrove) contacted AKRCC again and was concerned. AKRCC passed that they were getting crews moving.	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2120	0520	AKRCC contacted the Search and Rescue Duty Officer (SARDO) of the 210th Rescue Squadron of the Alaska Air National Guard (AKANG) and provided information. SARDO asked if Alaska State Troopers had been notified, and they had not. AKRCC explained AKANG would need to respond based on location. SARDO would talk to helicopters crews.	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2132	0532	AKRCC called Soloy Helicopters (Baechler) and confirmed 6 people were on board. Soloy stated the helicopter had a satellite phone and the clients had Garmin inReach Satellite Communicators. Soloy reported last "ping from sat tracker" was 1856 AKDT (2 hours and 36 minutes prior). Soloy stated that 3rd Edge was "operating their own emergency."	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2137	0537	AKRCC called SARDO who asked about an aircraft orbiting the LKP that they were watching on Foreflight. SARDO wanted to know how to talk with them and reported the aircraft was N383AK and was going 68 knots. SARDO had spoken with HH60 pilot and they wanted to wait to find out "what this aircraft [was] on scene."	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2144	0544	3rd Edge Heli (Cosgrove) called AKRCC and asked about status and response. AKRCC replied it would be about an hour to launch. AKRCC asked about helicopter on scene and 3rd Edge confirmed it was their other helicopter searching.	AKRCC log

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3/27/2021	2158	0558	3rd Edge Heli (Cosgrove) called AKRCC and wanted to confirm they were launching. AKRCC confirmed. 3rd Edge stated he had not heard from helicopter on scene.	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2202	0602	3rd Edge Heli (Cosgrove) called AKRCC and reported wreckage was located on Knik side of ridge.	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2203	0603	AKRCC called SARDO and provided update	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2204	0604	Soloy Helicopters (Baechler) called AKRCC and provided location of wreckage - 61 26 50.70N 148 23 28.26W	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2258	0658	AKRCC received call from Alaska State Troopers SAR coordinator; provided info and stated that helicopter crew was "spinning up about to takeoff"	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2325	0725	Log entry noted helicopter (AFR 069) was on scene searching	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	2333	0733	AFR 069 reported "found wreckage, looking for way in"	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	0015	0815	AFR 069 reported "PJs infilled" at 61 26.97N 148 23.27W	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	0023	0823	AFR 069 reported "one survivor digging him out now"	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	0030	0830	AFR 069 reported "30 mins of fuel... searching for 6th person... looking for fuel at Palmer or JBER. Will be taking trauma px to Prov [Providence Alaska Medical Center]"	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	0115	0915	AFR 069 reported "Direct Prov 1 px critical surgical request backboard 15 out"	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	0120	0920	AKRCC contacted Providence and reported aircraft inbound	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	0128	0928	Soloy Helicopters (Baechler) called looking for update; AKRCC passed that 1 patient was en route to Providence	AKRCC log
3/27/2021	0136	0936	AFR 069 reported wheels down at Providence	AKRCC log