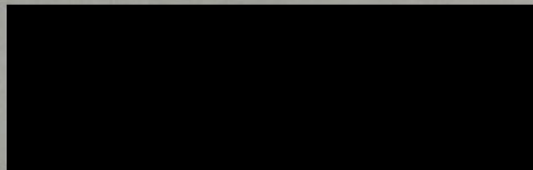


**Statement from Joseph Priolo for N8911F aircraft incident on March 9 2023 approximately 1730 EST**

While conducting a local area helicopter flight under Part 91 helicopter N8911F experienced a main rotor blade strike on the tailboom. I Joseph Priolo was the pilot in command of N8911F conducting a local area flight with a passenger on board.

I was demonstrating a 180 Autorotation to a field and was slow to recover engine power which caused rotor to decay. The aircraft subsequently touched down firmly which caused the main rotor blades to contact the tail boom causing damage to tailboom and broke the tailrotor drive shaft. No injuries occurred and the aircraft was shutdown and made safe. Weather at the time of the incident was clear sky and winds out of the southeast at about 10 knots. The flight originated out of KTIK Space Coast Regional Airport.



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