



NTSB MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Person Contacted: Captain Shawn Rivard (Commander, Virginia State Police Aviation Division)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22LA145

Narrative:

The individual noted above provided the following information via a telephone call. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

- The Virginia State Police (VSP) have 3 aviation bases of operation. Richmond, Lynchburg, and Abingdon.
- The Medical Flight (Med-Flight) program is taxpayer supported and originated in the 1980s. The Abingdon operation is called Med-Flight II (Two).
- VSP provides pilots and the aircraft, and hospital networks provide the flight nurses/ paramedics.
- The Abingdon base also supports the police work mission.
- For patient transports there is no bill generated to the patient.
- Operations with VSP aircraft is Public Use, however they do follow some Part 91 and Part 135 regulations.
- The pilot shifts are 24.3 hours in length due to overall staffing levels and 24/7 mission requirements.
- Captain Rivard agreed to sign on the investigation as a Party Member.

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