

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

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<u>Addendum</u> <u>Medical Factual Report</u>

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A. ACCIDENT: WPR19MA177; Mokuleia, HI

On June 21, 2019, at 1822 Hawaii-Aleutian standard time, a Beech 65-A90, N256TA, collided with terrain after takeoff from Dillingham Airfield (HDH), Mokuleia, Hawaii. The commercial pilot and ten passengers sustained fatal injuries, and the airplane was destroyed. The airplane was owned by N80896 LLC, and was being operated by Oahu Parachute Center (OPC) under the provisions of Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 as a local sky-diving flight. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and no flight plan had been filed.

B. GROUP IDENTIFICATION

No group was formed for the medical evaluation in this accident.

C. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

1. Purpose

During the course of the investigation, the NTSB learned that tandem jump instructors, such as those present in the rear of the accident aircraft, are required by the US Parachute Association to obtain an FAA third class medical certificate every two years to maintain their instructor rating. The purpose of this addendum is to review that information.

2. Methods

The FAA medical files for the three deceased tandem instructors were reviewed.

3. <u>Results</u>

Tandem instructor (1)

Tandem instructor (1) held a valid third class medical certificate without limitations issued 6/20/2018. He had reported no significant chronic medical conditions or use of medications to the FAA.

Tandem instructor (2)

Tandem instructor (2) held a valid third class medical certificate without limitations issued 3/15/2019. He had reported no significant chronic medical conditions or use of medications to the FAA.

Tandem instructor (3)

Tandem instructor (3) held a valid third class medical certificate without limitations issued 10/4/2017. He had reported no significant chronic medical conditions or use of medications to the FAA.

D. SUMMARY OF MEDICAL FINDINGS

All three tandem instructors held valid third class FAA medical certificates at the time of the accident and had not reported any significant medical conditions or use of medications to the FAA.