



**National Transportation Safety Board
Factual Data Collection Report of Accident**

CEN13CA501

Aircraft Reg No: N975BW
Most Critical Injury: None

Location/Time

Nearest City/Place: Reese, MI
Occurrence Date: 08/22/2013
Occurrence Time: 1748 EDT

Flight Itinerary

Last Depart. Point: Saginaw, MI
Destination: Saginaw, MI

Aircraft Information

Type of Aircraft: Helicopter (not Homebuilt)
Make/Model: Mcdonnell Douglas Heli Co / 369F
Serial Number: 0103FF
Landing Gear: High Skid; Skid
Engine Type: Turbo Shaft
Engine Make/Model: Rolls-Royc / 250 20&30 SER
Aircraft Damage: Substantial
Aircraft Fire: None

Operator Information

Registered Acft Owner: ROBIN ROGERS
Operator of Aircraft: ROGERS HELICOPTERS INC
Operator Address: FRESNO, CA
Reg. Flt. Conducted Under: Part 133: Rotorcraft Ext. Load

Weather

Condition of Light: Day
Wx Cond. at Site: Visual Conditions

First Pilot Information

Cert(s)/Rating(s): Commercial; Helicopter

Flight Time (Hours)

Instrument Ratings: Helicopter
Medical Cert: Class 1
Date of Last Med. Exam: 11/2012

Total All Aircraft: 6000
Total Make/Model: 4500

Injury Summary

	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Serious</u>	<u>Minor/None</u>
Crew	0	0	2
Pass	0	0	0

Narrative

*** This investigation is based on information furnished by the Pilot/Operator. Additional details may be found in the Form 6120.1***

*** Note: NTSB investigators used data provided by various entities, including, but not limited to, the Federal Aviation Administration and/or the operator and did not travel in support of this investigation to prepare this aircraft accident report. ***

The helicopter was conducting an electrical power line construction operation with a lineman standing outside on the skid. The wire was temporarily suspended by a hoist and the lineman was inserting a fiber shoe to attach the wire to the arm of the tower. While the helicopter was hovering next to the wire at about 200 feet above ground level the hoist slipped and the wire fell onto the top of the helicopter's skid. Control was briefly lost and four of the helicopter's main rotor blades impacted the tower resulting in substantial damage to the main rotor blades. The pilot quickly regained control and made an emergency landing in tall corn about 200 feet from the accident location.

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