

Brief of Accident (Continued)

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File No. 25613

11/17/2008

Smithfield, RI

Aircraft Reg No. N2316P

Time (Local): 17:03 EST

OCCURRENCES

Approach-IFR final approach - Altitude deviation
Approach-IFR final approach - Controlled flight into terr/obj (CFIT)
Post-impact - Explosion (post-impact)

FINDINGS

Personnel issues-Task performance-Use of equip/info-Use of policy/procedure-Pilot - C
Aircraft-Aircraft oper/perf/capability-Performance/control parameters-Altitude-Not attained/maintained - C
Personnel issues-Psychological-Attention/monitoring-Monitoring equip/instruments-Pilot
Personnel issues-Psychological-Perception/orientation/illu-Situational awareness-Pilot
Environmental issues-Conditions/weather/phenomena-Light condition-Dark-Effect on operation

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.

The pilot's improper descent below the published minimum descent altitude during the approach, which resulted in controlled flight into terrain.