



# SAFETY RECOMMENDATION SR18-00031

## Details



Synopsis	<p>On 5th June, 2018 at approximately 3:45pm local, (Eastern Daylight Time), a Cessna 421B aircraft crashed in dense bushes shortly after departure from Runway 27 at Rocksound Int'l Airport, Rocksound, Eleuthera, Bahamas. The crash site was located approximately 2,503 feet / .41 nautical mile (nm) north of the threshold of Runway 09 and 8,588 feet / 1.42 nm from threshold of runway 27. The pilot and 2 passengers were killed and the aircraft was destroyed by impact forces and a post-crash fire.</p> <p>As there are no crash and rescue vehicle available at the airport to respond, help was sought and received from the local town volunteer fire truck.</p> <p>As the aircraft crashed off-field, in a heavily wooded area not serviced by easily accessible roads, first responders and rescue personnel encountered difficulty in locating the wreckage at first. By the time first responders and rescue personnel located the site of the crash, the aircraft had been burning for some time. After the fire was brought under control, the remains of the 3 occupants were discovered.</p>
Recommendation	<p><b>To the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority.</b> The AAIA recommends the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) conduct initial and follow-up inspections of all other airports under their surveillance obligation in a structured and timely manner to ensure their compliance to requirements of the CAGR and international standards as applicable. Inspections should verify that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where applicable, adequate firefighting equipment are available and functioning.</li> <li>• Adequate personnel are available to accomplish firefighting/crash and rescue obligations (if applicable).</li> <li>• Personnel assigned to firefighting / crash and rescue tasks are qualified and current in their firefighting / crash and rescue tasks (as applicable).</li> <li>• Records are available reflecting qualification and currency of firefighting / crash and rescue personnel (if applicable).</li> <li>• Proper runway and taxiway markings are installed at airports under their surveillance responsibility.</li> </ul>
Original Recommendation Transmittal Letter	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               Safety              Recommendation Acc N421MM BCAA.pdf         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">               Recommendation         </div> </div>
Overall Status	Open – Await Response
Location	Rocksound, Eleuthera, Bahamas
Accident Number	A18-000009
Accident Report	Loss of Control and Impact with Terrain
Accident Date	5 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018
Issue Date	6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019
Date Closed	

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Addressee(s)	Captain Charles Beneby - Director General
Addressee(s) Response	Open – Await Response

## Safety Recommendation History

From	AAIA
To	BCAA
Date	6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019
Response	  Safety Recommendation Recommendation Acc N421MM BCAA.pdf

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