





SAFETY RECOMMENDATION SR18-00040

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>To the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. The AAIA recommends the Government of the Bahamas explore ways to find the funding to ensure that suitable crash and rescue, fire-fighting equipment representative of the size of aircraft these airports accommodate be made available.</p>
Original Recommendation Transmittal Letter	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Safety Recommendation Acc N421MM MOTA.pdf </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Recommendation </div> </div>
Overall Status	Open – Acceptable Response ⁱ
Location	Rocksound, Eleuthera, Bahamas
Accident Number	A18-000009
Accident Report	Loss of Control and Impact with Terrain
Accident Date	5 th June, 2018
Issue Date	6 th February, 2019
Date Closed	
Addressee(s)	Hon. Dionisio D'Aguilar – Minister Tourism & Aviation
Addressee(s) Response	Open – Acceptable Response


Safety Recommendation History

From	AAIA
To	BCAA
Date	6 th February, 2019
Response	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Recommendation N421MM MOTA.pdf </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Safety Recommendation Acc </div> </div>

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From	MOTA
To	AAIA
Date	3 rd June, 2020
Response	  AAID - Airport Authority - June 3 2020 Rock Sound - SI-18-00040.pdf
Response Summary	The MOTA has confirmed that recommendations have been advanced to procure 11 new fire trucks. Newer Trucks are planned to be allocated to Tier 1 airports and older trucks to other family islands.

From	AAIA
To	MOTA
Date	4 th June, 2020
Response	 Correspondence MOTA (SR-18-00040).

ⁱ Open – Acceptable Response – Response by recipient indicates a planned action that would comply with the safety recommendation when completed.