



NTSB National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety

Salt Lake City, Utah
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History of Flight

- EMS competitor attempted mission; aborted due to deteriorating weather conditions
- Life Flight pilot aware of weather conditions
 - Alerted by previous pilot
 - Checked weather via computer
- Poor weather conditions; aborted mission

History of Flight

- Placed in “hold” until air traffic control could provide clearance
- Declared emergency due to inadvertent IMC
- Extreme fog conditions

Flight Risk Evaluation Program

- None at time of accident
- Implemented after accident to assess:
 - Weather minimums
 - Flight route
- Flight may not have taken off; further approval needed
- Requires dispatcher agreement
- Communications

Other Issues

- No aviation-specific dispatcher
- Part 91 v. Part 135 operations
- No Terrain Awareness and Warning System



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