



## RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Bruce Haffner      Chief Pilot KTVK TV, Channel 3 (Ch 3)  
Date:                    2-20-2008  
Time:                    1300  
Phone:                   -----  
Subject:                LAX07MA231A/B; Eurocopter AS350B2, N613TV, and Eurocopter AS350B2,  
N215TV, Phoenix, AZ, July 27, 2007

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The following is a summary of statements made by Mr. Haffner, Chief Pilot for KTVK TV Channel 3 (Ch 3):

Mr. Haffner stated that their helicopter had a SkyWatch® Traffic Advisory System on board. It worked when he flew the helicopter earlier on the day of the accident. Turning it on was part of the power up checklist. He and Mr. Bowerbank both used it. It provided audio warnings and displayed targets on the helicopter's Garmin 430. If there was a lot of traffic in close, the Sky Watch system audio alert will emit a constant "traffic, traffic.." advisory in these situations.

After making positive visual and verbal contact on the air-to-air helicopter frequency with that traffic (pilot), sometimes they would turn the volume on the audio alert down lower than the air traffic control radio and air-to-air helicopter radio volumes.

Mr. Haffner stated that he checked in to air traffic control as helicopter TV3, and used TV3 after that. On air he would use Newschopper 3. Mr. Haffner verified the following flight times for N613TV, himself, and Mr. Bowerbank:

1/2/07 through 7/5/07  
(249) Aircraft flights  
(534) hours flown

Scott Bowerbank PIC  
(79) flights  
(124.2) hours flown

Bruce Haffner PIC  
(168) flights  
(409.8) hours flown

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Bruce Haffner

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