



A small helicopter crashed and burned on take-off from a home in Andover on September 27. The pilot was able to get out of the wreckage and call 911. Photo: Meghan Barton

## Helicopter Crashes on Take-Off from Rivers Edge Road

Pilot exits burning wreckage and calls 911

Charlie Darling, for the *Beacon*

A Canadian Home Rotors Safari kit helicopter took off from a home on Rivers Edge Road in Andover on the afternoon of September 27 with two full tanks of fuel. Moments later it crashed into the woods from about 60' up and caught fire.

Fortunately the unidentified pilot, who was alone in the chopper, was able to get himself out of the wreckage and call 911. Andover police, fire, and EMS, along with state police, responded, putting out the fire before it could spread and transporting the pilot to Concord

Hospital. His burns and other injuries were described as "non-life-threatening."

The Federal Aviation Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the New Hampshire Division of Aeronautics all are investigating the incident. According to Andover Fire Chief Rene Lefebvre, quoted in the *Union Leader*, the helicopter was badly damaged and may be a total loss.

The *Union Leader* article concludes with one of Rene's reassuring insights: "The pilot said it was a bad day, but we think it's a good day," Lefebvre said. "Any day you can walk away from a helicopter crash is a good day." 

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## NHEC Announces Winter Rate Increase

Costs drop in summer, rise in winter

### Press release

The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) Board of Directors has approved a rate increase effective with bills rendered November 1. The increase will result in an overall bill increase of 14.2%, or \$12.69 per month, for a typical residential member using 500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month.

The rate increase will be in effect for the winter period, which ends April 30, 2017. Driving the rate changes are increases in the Regional Access Charge and Co-op Power portions of members' bills.

The same conditions that have caused New England electric rates to spike for the past four winters are still to blame for this latest seasonal increase. The driver of winter rates is the cost of natural gas delivery into New England. Nearly half of the electricity produced in New England is generated by natural gas.

Though the price of natural gas at the wellhead remains relatively low, a continuing lack of adequate gas pipe-

line capacity into New England means that power producers will be competing again this winter with home heating for limited natural gas supplies. This causes a significant winter increase in the price of natural gas delivered to New England, which corresponds to an increase in the price of wholesale electricity.

NHEC is encouraging members to mitigate the effects of higher winter rates by conserving and, when possible, participating in NHEC's Energy Solutions programs. Energy efficiency improvements can help members save energy and money year-round.

NHEC provides a full slate of energy saving opportunities for residential, commercial, and municipal members. Complete details are available online at [NHEC.com/energysolutions](http://NHEC.com/energysolutions). Members can also view and manage their electric usage on SmartHub, NHEC's online home for account management, at [NHEC.com](http://NHEC.com).

NHEC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving 84,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities, including 1,279 in Andover. 

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In Andover, we respond carrying 3,000 gallons of water. The initial response also brings trucks and manpower from Franklin, Salisbury, and Wilmot. In a few minutes, a lot of water will be sitting in front of your home, and it will be used to bring you to safety.

The challenge will be supplying water for a large structure fire. Firefighters like challenges. Firefighters also like lots of big trucks, and we know where to get them. However, this is a good time to be extra careful with fire!

### Dry Wells

We have received several phone calls to use our tankers to put water in dry wells. We have tried that in the past; however, this does not work. The water leaches into the dry ground in a few hours.

Losing water is not the issue; fouling your well is. The tanks we have are not

safe for drinking water. We are not concerned about bacteria or the little tiny "whatevers" that are in our water. We plan to fry them anyway.

We have learned that we could be held accountable for our action. Neither we, the town, nor you need that headache.

We have placed a valve and a line at the Main Street fire station for your use. The water is safe for drinking. This outside water supply is powerful, so I recommend turning the valve very slowly. We teach our firefighters that one, too.

### Christmas Tree Sale

Our annual Christmas tree sale at the East Andover Fire Station is Friday, December 2, from 6 to 9 PM, and on Saturday, December 3, from 7 AM until all the trees are sold. Pick out your tree and then continue with your day; we will deliver the perfect tree to your home free of charge.

Keep a weather eye north, and pray for rain. 

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