

2018 BLM Airward & Certificate of Recognition



* BURCH & BECK AIRWARD

* LAS VEGAS HELITACK – VENDOR MECHANIC, CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

- * Greg Burch, Air Tactical Group Supervisor
- * Scott Beck, Pilot

On Thursday, July 26, 2018 while flying on the Grassy Ridge Fire, the Air Tactical Aircraft and flight crew experienced an in-flight emergency prompting an immediate landing at Rexburg (RXE) Airport.

The Air Tactical Group Supervisor (ATGS) and Pilot started smelling an odor produced from burning wire. The ATGS immediately turned off the air conditioning (AC) unit, as it had a breaker trip two days earlier. His first thought was that maybe the AC unit could be the problem. Soon after switching off the AC unit, the Door Indicator Light came on, the Pilot went to reset the switch and it immediately popped off again. Then the pilot's radio and intercom went out.

The decision was made to head to the nearest airport which was identified as RXE. The Global Positioning System (GPS) then turned off and then came back on. The Pilot and ATGS went through the Electrical Emergency Procedures Check List and set up for a straight in landing to Runway 17, RXE. The ATGS notified the dispatch center and the Incident Commander (IC) of the emergency situation via radio in route to the airport. Due to the Pilot's radio being out, the ATGS made the radio calls on the Rexburg CTAF/Unicom. Upon landing, additional aircraft items started to fail. The right ``Gen Out`` light illuminated and a couple circuit breakers popped. Once the plane landed the gear down warning started to sound. The aircraft was taxied to parking and the pilot went through the shutdown procedures, however the engines would not shut down. The ATGS held in the door activation switch and the pilot reset a couple of the breakers and then the engines shut down. The pilot and ATGS did a quick survey of the aircraft to ensure there was no smoke or fire. The only thing they noticed was the strong odor of burning wire. With all power turned off, the aircraft was monitored while the pilot and ATGS made calls to Dispatch, company owner and Chief Mechanic.

The quick methodical reaction and effective Crew Resource Management (CRM) within the cockpit implemented by the Pilot and ATGS lead to a successful recovery of the aircraft. Great work by all involved while keeping cool heads in a very stressful situation. Safecom 18-0646



Burch (left), Beck (middle), BLM National Aviation Safety Advisor Kirk Rothwell

Las Vegas Helitack Ex-Use Contract, Vendor Mechanic

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

In recognition of your initiative, thoroughness, professionalism and overall dedication during the 2017 & 2018 fire seasons. Your outstanding service as an exceptional mechanic has not gone unnoticed by the Las Vegas Helitack Crew.

BLM-NAO hereby presents

Phil Rogers

This Certificate of Appreciation for a job well done!

Awarded on the 19th day of September 2018

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BLM Division Chief, Aviation

