4 October 2017: Helicopter crash landed on and burst into flames near private land
A CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter that was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma crash-landed and burst into flames in a field about 300 to 350 yards away from homes residential houses in Higashi Village.

3 December 2017: Helicopter window falls down onto an elementary school playground
One of the windows from the CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter fell onto the yard of Futenma Daini Elementary School, which is located right next to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. Physical education class was in session in the schoolyard when the window fell. It is only a miracle that no one was hurt. If the window had fallen and hit the children standing not far away, they would have been seriously injured or even worse.