

# FlightSafety International:

*New Training Center Focuses on Off-shore Operations*

**F**lightSafety, the world's foremost aviation training company, greatly expands its rotorcraft training capacity with its newest Learning Center at Lafayette, Louisiana. The new center devotes its efforts exclusively to helicopter safety, providing a broad range of mission-specific training for offshore operations, EMS, law enforcement, newsgathering and more.

"This state-of-the-art facility offers helicopter operators another center of excellence for training dedicated to enhancing safety," says George Ferito, director of rotorcraft business development for FlightSafety. "The center will offer customer-specific, rather than aircraft-specific, training supporting multiple aircraft manufacturer product lines, including Eurocopter. Our training programs will serve all sectors of the industry, including the large and diverse fleet operating in the Gulf."

Lafayette will offer mission-specific training on a fleet of advanced simulators, including both type-specific Level D full flight simulators as well as Level 7 FTDs. FlightSafety is the only training provider employing Level 7, the highest service rating for an FTD, offering maximum training credits.

## The Level 7 Advantage

FlightSafety's next generation of Level 7 FTDs will incorporate the latest visual realism and other components from full flight simulation. The company will deploy these training devices at a number of its Learning Centers during 2009, making cost-effective training available at a range of locations. FlightSafety offers training for models from most major manufacturers, including Sikorsky, Bell, Eurocopter and Agusta. The company provides training at a number of its Learning Centers, including Lafayette; Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas; West Palm



Beach, Florida; and London Farnborough, United Kingdom.

## 5th Annual Safety Forum

The FlightSafety Helicopter Safety Forum, now in its fifth year, has become a key industry event, presenting the latest thinking about safe operations. The conference, covering all aspects of safety facing the full range of helicopter missions, is set this spring at the Grapevine, Texas Convention Center. It features helicopter operators, representatives of the FAA, insurance companies, industry associations and rotorcraft manufacturers. See [rotorsafety.com](http://rotorsafety.com) for details.

## A Training Trendsetter

FlightSafety, the first to develop Level D-certified full flight rotorcraft simulators, also was the first to offer electric motion and control loading for the most precise and realistic experience possible. The company's VITAL visual systems feature unmatched fidelity, an extensive visual database and a broad range of environmental conditions including brownout and whiteout.

## Mission-Specific Training

FlightSafety's mission-oriented approach provides a major advantage in rotorcraft training. EMS pilots train to convincing scenarios drawn from real-life challenges. Offshore crews face training scenarios that replicate their specific

situation. The company also offers mission-specific training for law enforcement and newsgathering, and programs can be customized to emphasize scenarios specific to any operation.

## Specialty Training

FlightSafety offers a full complement of specialty training courses to meet helicopter pilots' specific training requirements.

- Inadvertent IMC procedures
- Night operations
- Instrument procedures
- EMS flight operations
- Law enforcement flight operations
- Crew resource management
- Approach and landing accident reduction
- Aviation decision-making

## Training Leadership

FlightSafety, the factory-authorized trainer for both Bell and Sikorsky, is dedicated to the safe operation of aircraft through its comprehensive training programs and worldwide network of 40 Learning Centers. More than 75,000 pilots, technicians and other aviation professionals train at FlightSafety facilities each year. The company designs and manufactures full flight simulators for civil, commercial and military aircraft and operates the world's largest fleet of some 230 advanced full flight simulators. ■

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