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International Helicopter Safety Team

Our Vision: An International Civil Helicopter Community With Zero Accidents

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IHST Releases Two New Helicopter Safety Bulletins

WASHINGTON DC – The International Helicopter Safety Team (IHST), in cooperation with safety experts from throughout the civil helicopter industry, has developed new safety leaflets focused on controlled flight into terrain and defensive helicopter flying. The IHST now offers a total of 19 safety bulletins and leaflets aimed at enhancing helicopter operations and reducing accidents.

The safety bulletins offer important information regarding two areas that support the prevention of helicopter accidents: terrain awareness and warning systems, and defensive flight strategies. The new bulletin topics are:

- Controlled Flight into Terrain Prevention with HTAWS
- “In Your Defense”: A Defensive Strategy for Helicopter Pilots

Each fact sheet provides a wealth of concise information that helicopter operators will be able to use for general reference and as a training tool. They are accessible within the “Resources” section of the IHST web site (www.IHST.org). They join 17 other safety bulletins and leaflets released during the past year by the IHST and its U.S. and European affiliates. These topics are:

U.S. Safety Bulletins

- Surviving an Autorotation
- Entry into Cloud or Fog
- How Controlled Flight into Terrain Occurs
- Density Altitude
- Emergency Decision Making
- Energy in Autorotations
- Gaining Control over Loss-of-Control Accidents
- Visibility and Minimums
- Training Safely
- Recurrent Training
- Autorotation Acronyms

European Safety Leaflets

- Single Pilot Decision Making
- Risk Management in Training
- Advantages of Simulator Training
- Off Airfield Land Site Operations
- Helicopter Airmanship
- Safety Considerations

The International Helicopter Safety Team (IHST) promotes safety and works to reduce accidents. The organization was formed in 2005 to lead a government and industry cooperative effort to address factors that were affecting an unacceptable helicopter accident rate. The group's vision is an international civil helicopter community with zero accidents with a goal to reduce the international civil helicopter accident rate by 80 percent by 2016.

IHST members also establish international partnerships in countries with significant helicopter operations and work to encourage the overseas industries to carry out accident analysis and develop safety interventions. Worldwide partners now supporting the work of the IHST include government and industry participants from the United States, Canada, Brazil, Japan, Australia, India, Russia, and multiple countries in Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East.

More information about the IHST, its reports, its safety tools, and presentations from its 2011 safety symposium can be obtained at its web site at www.IHST.org and on the IHST Facebook page.