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### **U.S. Helicopter Safety Team Will Host HAI Symposium at Heli-Expo in Louisville**

*Focus Will be "Safety and the Bottom Line"*

**WASHINGTON DC** – The United States Helicopter Safety Team (<http://www.ushst.org/>) will help the Helicopter Association International (HAI) kick off Heli-Expo 2016 by hosting a Symposium for helicopter safety professionals on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> in Louisville.

The theme of the Safety Symposium will be "Safety and the Bottom Line" and will include presentations focused on showing how safety initiatives and the fostering of a safety culture results in a more profitable operation.

Key speakers at the event will be:

- Dennis Pierce, owner and founder of Colorado Heli-Ops in Broomfield, Colo. (<http://coloradoheliops.com/about-us/>) who will offer a case study on investing in safety profitably.
- Paul Spring, President of Phoenix Heli-Flight in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada (<http://www.helitechevents.com/en/Contributors/405449/Paul-Spring>) who will provide a case study in the use of affordable and sensible Helicopter Flight Data Monitoring tools and usage.
- Jim Viola, FAA Manager of the General Aviation and Commercial Division, who will present the mission and accomplishments of the USHST.

In addition, the Symposium will include a panel discussion by industry professionals on the topic of cost-effective safety initiatives and behaviors along with a deeper look at the latest U.S. safety and accident data.

The HAI Safety Symposium takes place Monday, Feb. 29, from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. Registration information can be found here:

<http://heliexpo.rotor.org/index.php/attendee-registration/>

The USHST and the International Helicopter Safety Team promote safety and work to reduce accidents through a government and industry cooperative effort that has resulted in a worldwide decrease in civil helicopter accidents. More information about the IHST, its reports, safety tools, and Reel Safety audio-visual presentations can be obtained at its web site at [www.IHST.org](http://www.IHST.org) and on the IHST Facebook page.