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## **U.S. Coast Guard and Houston PD Partner with Gary "GPS" Reeves of Pilotsafety.org for Advanced Avionics Training**

Dallas, TX - March 18, 2024 - The U.S. Coast Guard and the Houston Police Department have joined forces to enhance their aviation capabilities through a groundbreaking partnership with renowned avionics expert Gary "GPS" Reeves of Pilotsafety.org.

Gary Reeves, affectionately known as "GPS" for his expertise in navigating the skies, brings 2 decades and 8,500+ hours of real-world experience and a wealth of knowledge in advanced avionics systems. His collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard and Houston PD signifies a significant milestone in advancing safety and efficiency in aerial operations.

The partnership aims to provide specialized training programs tailored to the unique needs of both organizations. By leveraging Gary Reeves' unparalleled expertise, pilots from the U.S. Coast Guard and Houston PD will undergo comprehensive training in utilizing cutting-edge avionics technology to enhance mission effectiveness and ensure the safety of personnel and assets.



"We were thrilled to partner with Gary Reeves and Pilotsafety.org to make our crews even safer," said Lt. Matthew Stuber of the U.S. Coast Guard. "His real-world mastery of using RNAV, autopilots and, glass displays in the national air space is part of our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of training, safety and, proficiency in executing our critical missions." The USCG uses both helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

The Houston Police Department, on March 25th, will start a three-day Mastery, Not Minimums training of using new Garmin avionics including the GTN750xi and the G500 Display interfaced with a KFC225 autopilot. The GA8 Aerovan is used for safety critical missions including surveillance and drug interdiction. Single-Pilot IFR use of the avionics has to be at a mastery level.



Gary "GPS" Reeves expressed his enthusiasm about the collaboration, stating, "I am honored to work alongside the U.S. Coast Guard and Houston PD in advancing aviation safety and proficiency. By harnessing the advanced level of understanding and power of advanced avionics technology, we can empower pilots with the tools they need to navigate complex missions with precision and confidence."

The partnership between the U.S. Coast Guard, Houston PD, and Gary "GPS" Reeves underscores a shared commitment to excellence and innovation in aviation operations. Together, they are poised to set new standards in safety, efficiency, and effectiveness in aerial law enforcement and search and rescue missions.

For more information about the advanced avionics training provided by Gary "GPS" (Guy in the Pink Shirt) Reeves and [pilotsafety.org](http://pilotsafety.org) to enhance the safety of critical fleet operations please visit [www.pilotsafety.org/](http://www.pilotsafety.org/).

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