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**Video and in-flight mastery training for
autopilots, GPS, ForeFlight and Single-Pilot IFR**

PilotSafety.org and TEMSCO Helicopters Revolutionize Part 135 Pilot Training and Take Safety To New Heights

TEMSCO Helicopters is the first large Part 135 fleet to include avionics mastery training for all pilots to increase safety.

PilotSafety.org provides customized on-site ground and flight training with approved and certified online training for all new hire pilots to reduce training time and costs.

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[PilotSafety.org](http://www.PilotSafety.org) Helicopters, a well-known Part 135 Tour Helicopter operations leader, has partnered with [PilotSafety.org](http://www.PilotSafety.org) to provide mastery avionics training for all pilots. As one of the largest seasonal tour operators, TEMSCO Helicopters, a seasonal tour operator leader, faces unique challenges by hiring up to fifty new pilots every year for the Alaska Sightseeing season.



As a founding member of TOPS, Tour Program Operators Program of Safety, TEMSCO has always led the way in pioneering and pushing for more and better pilot training. When they began upgrading their fleet with [Avidyne IFD550s](#), they quickly realized that the most significant safety benefits came if the pilots were trained in all of the advanced functions and knew how to use the IFD550s rapidly if an emergency arose.

[PilotSafety.org's](http://www.PilotSafety.org) Gary **"GPS"** (*Guy in the Pinks Shirt*) Reeves is well known as the top international expert in Single-Pilot IFR operations of advanced avionics. The 2019 FAA National CFI of the Year created a customized three-day train-the-trainer program for the full-time instructors of TEMSCO at their base in Alaska. This program had to be custom developed for the unique VFR tour, rescue, firefighting, and other TEMSCO operations using a combination of ForeFlight and Avidyne features. Reeves used the custom program to develop the only specialized avionics online ground school program for new hire pilots designed for Part 135 approved

training records with exams and certification built in. TEMSCO will require all new hires to complete the online program before arriving for their new pilot training.

The most significant benefits of expert avionics training for pilots:

- Reduced training time and costs for new hires.
- Online training allows new pilots to arrive pre-qualified and focus better during flight training.
- Advanced knowledge of avionics reduces "heads down" time and distractions in the cockpit and prevents accidents.
- Documentation that pilots have received expert online training with exams and certification that meets and exceeds Part 135 guidelines.

"TEMSCO has always focused on raising the bar and providing more and better training for our pilots. Being the first large company to provide this type of training was an easy decision," said Eric Eichner, Chief Pilot of [TEMSCO](#).

Gary **"GPS"** (*Guy in the Pink Shirt*) Reeves, from [PilotSafety.org](#), said, ***"Learning new advanced avionics by trial and error or while flying an aircraft is expensive and the worst way to learn. Before flying, certified training from experts with real-world experience on avionics is always cheaper, easier, and more effective. This new program will take good pilots and make them much safer because they truly understand the avionics at a Mastery, Not Minimums level."***

While all Part 135 companies require initial and recurrent training in the aircraft flown, specialized training on new advanced avionics systems is rarely given. As shown in many NTSB reports, this lack of formal expert training is proven to cause errors, distractions in the cockpit, and even accidents.

To learn more, visit www.PilotSafety.org/fleet-training

TEMSCO

TEMSCO Helicopters services tourism, hospital transport, firefighting, international, and other growing markets. Since Ken Eichner's retirement in the early '90s TEMSCO continues his vision of service and dedication to the community. Eric Eichner, grandson of founder Ken, is now Chief Pilot at TEMSCO Helicopters, Inc. helping to ensure the wisdom and practical knowledge is passed down to new generations of TEMSCO Pilots and Mechanics and ultimately making the safety and job efficiency a priority for TEMSCO's Customers.

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Gary is the top international expert in using autopilots, Avidyne, ForeFlight, Garmin, and glass panels to make Single-Pilot operations easier and safer. Not only has he been given the highest honor, 2019 FAA National Flight Instructor of the Year, but he is also a lead representative for the FAA Safety Team. His nickname **"GPS"** (*Guy in the Pinks Shirt*) came from being the most popular national speaker on avionics and safety, he has over 8,300 hours and two decades of real-world Single-Pilot IFR teaching experience. From Alaska to Australia, he has trained clients in twin-turbine rotorcraft, jets, turboprops, and piston aircraft. Thousands of pilots worldwide have relied on his online avionics training. To learn more about his online training, best-selling book, or custom fleet training programs, please visit www.PilotSafety.org

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