

STATEMENT OF VALIDATION

Aviation Subject Matter Expert

Danny W. Andrews

I hereby provide this statement to formally validate my professional qualifications, technical expertise, and operational authority as an Aviation Subject Matter Expert (SME) in rotary-wing aviation, aviation safety, regulatory compliance, flight operations, and advanced training systems.

I possess more than 40 years of aviation experience encompassing tactical, technical, instructional, regulatory, and operational leadership roles. I hold certification as an FAA Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) and FAA Certified Commercial Instrument Flight Instructor (CFI/CFII), and I previously served as an FAA Principal Operations Inspector and FAA Part 135 Check Airman across multiple aircraft platforms.

I have accumulated more than 5,100 total flight hours, including extensive Pilot-in-Command, Instructor Pilot, and Night Vision Goggle operational experience. My background includes operations in complex aviation environments such as military combat operations, international mission execution, and civilian air medical and commercial flight operations.

My subject matter expertise includes FAA regulatory compliance and oversight, Part 135 air carrier operations, rotary-wing flight operations and instruction, aviation safety management and risk mitigation, Check Airman evaluation and certification processes, flight training curriculum development, aviation inspection and operational certification, maintenance integration, and human factors and aeronautical sciences.

Throughout my career, I have served in critical leadership and instructional roles including OEM Factory Instructor for Airbus Helicopters, S-76D Check Airman, AS350 Lead Check Airman, Aviation Safety Officer, and Flight Training Manager, where I managed large-scale training programs and aviation operations involving thousands of personnel in multinational environments.

My operational experience includes mission planning, aviation safety oversight, humanitarian assistance, medical evacuation, disaster response, and international aviation operations across 31 countries and 10 territories.

Based on my extensive regulatory, instructional, operational, and technical background, I affirm that I am qualified to serve as an Aviation Subject Matter Expert and possess the knowledge, experience, and professional authority to provide expert consultation, regulatory interpretation, operational analysis, training development, safety evaluation, and technical advisory services within the aviation industry.