GROUP HANDOUT — Night-IFR Automation-Failure Pre-Brief

Small-Group Drill — Night IFR, Autopilot Failure at 400 ft (C182 / GFC 500 — KORL → KTIX — Night IFR — OVC 012 — 3 SM — winds 090@12 — AP fails at 400 ft AGL during climb)

Your Task (6 minutes total)

In your group, build and speak out loud a **complete pre-brief** you would give yourself before brake release.

Your brief must include:

- 1. Failure cue & disconnect rule
- 2. **Exact callout phrase** No capture Autopilot disconnect My airplane Pitch Power Trim.
- 3. Pre-briefed pitch & power numbers
- 4. Trim target
- 5. Navigation plan after stabilization
- 6. When to communicate with ATC
- 7. Success criteria in first 10 seconds

Reference — Cue Hierarchy

- 1. Mode annunciator: Armed = white (intent), Active = green (control)
- 2. Vertical trend: Converging toward target
- 3. Aural alert: Capture tone

If mismatch persists 3-5 seconds, say:

No capture — Autopilot disconnect — My airplane — Pitch — Power — Trim.

Success Criteria (10 sec after disconnect)

- Trend arrested
- Heading within ± 10°
- · No chasing needles

Output

- One group member delivers your spoken brief to the room.
- Optional: jot your flow on the card below.

Visual Reinforcement

Cue → Callout → Actions → Stabilize

Group Card		
Failure Cue:		
Callout Phrase:		
Pitch / Power:		
Trim:		
Nav:		
Comms:		
Success Criteria:		