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Gary "GPS" ^{Guy in the Pink Shirt} Reeves to Present Three Safety Courses at VERTICON 2026

Gary "GPS" (Guy in the Pink Shirt) Reeves, 2019 FAA National Flight Instructor of the Year and one of the most experienced GPS/Avionics for Single-Pilot IFR instructors in the world, will present three high-impact rotorcraft safety courses at VERTICON 2026.

Recently retained as an expert pilot witness by the U.S. Department of Justice in a federal aviation case involving advanced glass cockpit systems, Reeves continues to focus on expected pilot operation to the aviation safety standard of care when using modern avionics and TAS/ADS-B traffic systems.



Experience with Leading Rotorcraft Operators

Gary "GPS" Reeves provides advanced avionics training and operational consulting to:

- United States Coast Guard (USCG)
- Houston Police Department Air Support
- TEMSCO Helicopters

His training supports fleet standardization, SMS integration, and measurable risk reduction.

You can also Visit PilotSafety.org in [Booth B3202](#) at the show to learn more.

VERTICON 2026 - Featured Courses

1 [Decision Fatigue: The Hidden Cause Behind Rotorcraft Fatalities](#)

Monday, March 9 / 0800-1200

Decision fatigue is one of the least understood causes of fatal helicopter accidents. Using three fatal NTSB cases, this four-hour course shows how mental overload, technology over-reliance, and training gaps lead to tragedy. Designed for SMS managers, safety officers, chief pilots, and line pilots committed to preventing the next accident.

2 [ForeFlight Helicopter IFR Pro Tips](#)

Tuesday, March 10 / 0915-1015

This session will introduce participants to the use of GPS, autopilots, and ForeFlight to survive the worst IFR emergencies, including loss of radio communication, electrical fires, and engine failures. FAA WINGS credit is available.

3 [Surviving Helicopter IIMC Accidents and IFR Emergencies](#)

Wednesday, March 11 / 1215-1315

A focused session reinforcing structured decision-making and modern cockpit technology use during high-risk IFR emergencies. FAA WINGS credit available.

More Information

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