



The U.S. Helicopter Team (USHST) has announced the location and preliminary details of its annual meeting for 2018. The meeting will be held at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) in Prescott, Arizona on 07 – 08 August 2018. ERAU – Prescott is the premier campus for degree attainment for the Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Science (Rotary Wing). This degree combines flight training with academic preparation in the technical and managerial aspects of aviation — the skills and knowledge demanded by today's aviation industry.

During the two day meeting Industry and Government helicopter experts will discuss the current state of the industry and discuss further ways to enhance helicopter safety. The team will present the current status of the Helicopter – Safety Enhancements (H-SEs) and Outreach initiatives which are the vital components to reducing the U.S. Fatal Accident Rate. The H-SEs are divided into four main categories: Outreach, Policy, Technology & Equipment and Training. Our Outreach initiative is focused on four industries: Personal/Private, Helicopter Air Ambulance, Commercial and Aerial Application. Excellent safety briefings and presentations by industry and government experts will be the key to a successful meeting!

The USHST Annual meeting will be followed by a one day Safety Stand – Down on 09 August 2018 facilitated by the Helicopter Safety Alliance (HSA). The Helicopter Safety Alliance provides free helicopter-specific safety seminars for small operations around the country. Maintenance technicians, pilots, and management — each group can attend an HSA Safety Stand-Down at no cost to learn safety information targeted to their role.

The FAA Safety Team will be creating a SPANS notice for registration for the event and also WINGS credit will be available for each of the events as well.

We look forward to seeing you in August in Prescott, AZ!

The USHST has a single goal: 20% reduction in the U.S. helicopter fatal accident rate by Calendar Year 2020. To achieve “20% by 2020” the fatal accident rate must be reduced from 0.76 to 0.61 fatal accidents per 100,000 flight hours or less.

