



Press Release

To: Airborne Law Enforcement Association

From: Todd Curabba, Chief Pilot

Date: 4-6-17

Re: Tampa Police Aviation Host Annual Safety Stand Down

On April 6th 2017 the Tampa Police Aviation Unit held its annual safety stand down.

35 members including flight crews, maintenance personnel and Chief's office executive staff gathered to support aviation safety.

Educational classes were conducted by FAA Special Agent Charles Simpson from the Orlando FSDO. He led a discussion on law enforcement ramp checks; drug trafficking, laser strike awareness and FAA Part 107 rules for UAS.

ALEA Safety Director Bryan Smith and Citrus County SO Chief Pilot David Galm continued with a presentation on Inadvertent IMC and opened up a discussion on how simulator training is crucial for both pilots and TFO's for cockpit resource management.

Our final speaker for the day was ALEA Southeast Regional Director Richard Bray. Richard spoke to the group regarding airborne use of force and the importance of having a written policy to support this type of mission.

During the event aviators had an opportunity to network, talk with the department executives and special operation division staff about flight safety. Air crew commendations were given to four flight crews for their outstanding efforts to Airborne Law Enforcement.

The event was sponsored by the Tampa Police Benevolent Association and Mission BBQ.

Special thanks were given to our guest speakers, Bell helicopter, Churchill Navigation, Trakka Systems, Avalex Technologies and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office for covering the City in support of our safety down.

