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[Tampa PD Aviation Unit Conducts Safety Down Day](#)

Tampa Florida, June 8, 2015 - Eighteen Pilots, Tactical Flight Officers, maintenance personnel and support staff from the Tampa Police Department's Aviation Unit participated in the units Safety Down Day. Topics included use of airborne life support equipment, NTSB review of helicopters crashes, inadvertent IMC procedures, Interoperability with the US Coast Guard and maritime assets, importance of pre-fighting, UAS in the National Air Space System, and review of the departments Emergency Response plan.

Guest Speakers came from the US Coast Guard, FAA and United States Air Force. The training was made possible by the support of the unit's members and vendors. Special thanks were given to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office for answering calls for service during the Safety Down and to the Tampa Police Benevolent Association for providing dinner for the event.

Four awards were given to the unit members for safe flying and they recognized the maintenance staff for their commitment to aviation safety. The awards were presented by Chief of Police Eric Ward.

