



HELICOPTER SAFETY NEWS

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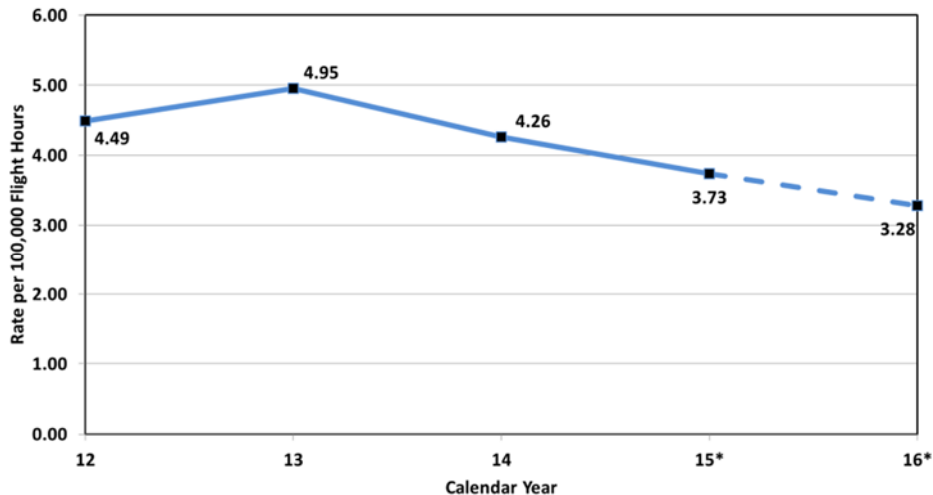
U.S. Helicopter Accident Rate Remains Low for First Half of 2016 *Results for July Also Encouraging*

WASHINGTON DC – Accident rates for the U.S. civil helicopter industry lowered even as the temperature rose during the first half of 2016. As spring turned into summer across the country, the total accident rate from January through June was 3.28 per 100,000 flight hours, compared to an accident rate in 2015 of 3.73.

This continues a downward trend in helicopter accidents since 2013 and maintains an improving safety record for the industry.

	<u>Total Accident Rate</u>	<u>Fatal Accident Rate</u>	<u>2016 Goal</u>
2013	4.95	1.02	
2014	4.26	0.65	
2015	3.73	0.52	
2016	3.28	0.54	0.73

U.S. Helicopter Accident Rate



From 2016 through 2019, the United States Helicopter Safety Team (www.ushst.org) is focusing major attention on reducing fatal accidents within the U.S. civil helicopter community. The industry-government partnership is targeting a reduction by 2019 to 0.61 fatal accidents per 100,000 flight hours. The fatal accident rate goal for 2016 is 0.73 or lower.

In addition, safety data for July, which is usually the worst month for accidents, is encouraging. During July 2016, there were 13 total accidents and two fatal accidents. The total was the lowest for the month of July since 2006 and the second lowest for the past 34 years. On average, there are usually 19 U.S. helicopter accidents that occur during the month of July.

More information about the USHST, the International Helicopter Safety Team, its reports, safety tools, and Reel Safety audio-visual presentations can be obtained at its web site at www.IHST.org and on the IHST Facebook page.

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