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### **“56 Seconds to Live” Safety Course Wins AIN 2021 Top Flight Award**

*Next Phase Will Include Virtual Reality Scenario at 2022 Heli-Expo*

WASHINGTON DC – Highlighting a collaborative effort between the U.S. Helicopter Safety Team ([USHST](#)), Helicopter Association International ([HAI](#)) and the Vertical Aviation Safety Team ([VAST](#)), Aviation International News has awarded the “56 Seconds to Live” [safety course](#) with a [2021 Top Flight Award](#).

The companion course is a follow-up to the “56 Seconds to Live” [safety video](#). It focuses on unintended flight into instrument meteorological conditions (UIMC) and the one-hour scenario-based training teaches pilots to recognize situations that can lead to UIMC and stop a flight before an accident occurs via sound aeronautical decision-making (ADM). Included in the course are a simulated-accident video and four alternate scenarios demonstrating examples of ADM that would have prevented the accident

Interested pilots can access the program through the USHST’s [training course introduction page](#). Pilots also can access the course through the HAI Online Academy at [rotor.org/academy](#). Users without an HAI Online Academy account will need to register to track their progress and obtain a completion certificate and FAA WINGS credit.

“This award shines a light on all of the work accomplished by our safety professionals who volunteer their time to make the helicopter industry safer,” says Nick Mayhew, Industry Co-Chair for the USHST. “But our work isn’t completed yet. The next phase of the “56 Seconds to Live” effort will be available at the [2022 Heli-Expo](#) in Dallas.”

At the USHST booth at Heli-Expo, helicopter pilots will be able to experience a UIMC scenario in simulators that include virtual reality head-mounted displays provided by Precision Flight Controls, Vrgineers, and Ryan Aerospace.

“UIMC is a killer in our industry,” adds Mayhew. “We want to eliminate this unacceptable hazard by highlighting the benefits of synthetic scenario-based training such as this.”