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Mauna Loa Helicopters Launches Night Vision Goggle Training Program

Island of Hawaii, (May, 2010) — Night Flight Concepts (NFC) traveled to Hawaii earlier this month to provide night vision goggle training to Mauna Loa Helicopters (MLH). With locations on three of the Hawaiian Islands, Mauna Loa Helicopters is an FAA-Approved Part 141 helicopter flight school. In addition, the school boasts ACCSC (Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges) being one of only three schools nation-wide to hold this prestigious distinction. Mauna Loa Helicopters also specializes in spectacular tour packages.



Night Flight Concepts spent ten days in Kona, Hawaii; Mauna Loa's base of operations. Training was conducted with MLH instructor pilots, introducing Night Vision Goggle use to the previously daylight-only operation. Flight training was conducted using the Robinson R44 by Adam Aldous, NFC president. "The MLH instructor pilots did exceptionally well during their training. NFC is proud to be associated with Mauna Loa Helicopters as an alignment partner supporting NVG training programs."

Randy Rowles, NFC chief flight instructor commented "NFC is pleased to announce Mauna Loa Helicopters as their Pacific Rim NVG training location. The alignment with Mauna Loa Helicopters, for NVG training, further demonstrates NFC's dedication to meeting the needs of the worldwide helicopter community. "

Currently, NFC maintains a similar relationship with Palm Beach Helicopter's (PBH), a longtime FAA Approved Part 141 pilot school in Florida. NFC established PBH as their Southeast US NVG training location. "A pilot attending an NFC NVG course in Hawaii will receive the same highly standardized NVG program as a student attending in Florida".

Ben Fouts, owner of Mauna Loa Helicopters commented "Mauna Loa is proud to be affiliated with Night Flight Concepts for our NVG training programs." The training provided by Night Flight Concepts will expand the menu of services offered by Mauna Loa Helicopters to its client base.

In addition to the NVG pilot training, NFC completed an STC cockpit lighting installation of a Robinson R44 helicopter. "The R44 provides a fantastic NVG platform due to its relatively unlimited viewing area or Field-of-Regard. It's fast, and does quite well with all of the environmental opportunities available in Hawaii", stated Rowles.

About Night Flight Concepts

Night Flight Concepts (NFC) is a comprehensive night vision technology (NVT) provider specializing in night vision goggle (NVG) pilot and crewmember flight training, NVG service & maintenance repair, NVG maintenance technician training, and night vision program support for law enforcement agencies, air medical/rescue services, military organizations, and government task force agencies worldwide.

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