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TO: RT-372 Helicopter Manager Refresher Course

FROM: Lucas Rhea – Lead Instructor Shaylor Sorensen – Course Coordinator

SUBJECT: RT-372, Helicopter Management

Congratulations! You have been selected to attend RT-372, Helicopter Manager Refresher. The course will be held in Boise, ID at the **Wyndham Garden Hotel located at 3300 South Vista Boise ID 83705**. The Wyndham Garden will be holding a block of rooms for the class under:

http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2016/49102_BLM/AVIATIONCONF/main.wnt

The refresher course will begin at **0800 Tuesday, April 26th and conclude at 1700 Wednesday, April 27th, 2016**. Please plan your travel accordingly. You must complete the prework and be present for the entire course to receive credit. The prework is designed to re-familiarize students with the duties and responsibilities of the helicopter manager position. Prework can be found at the end of this letter. **Please email your pre-work answers to the course coordinator BEFORE Friday April 22nd.**

In the event that you cannot attend this course, please contact the course coordinator **ASAP** to cancel. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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2016 RT-372 Helicopter Manager Pre-Work

Please go to the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwtXESCWn4xfxrPQsxnjQfg>

Under the “Playlist” tab you will find RT-372 with 7 videos. Watch the videos and answer the following questions. The IA and Radio Tutorial videos are for your information and can serve as a handy refresher. We will have a radio programming lab on Wednesday April 27 for those of you interested in hands on training.

1. Breaking the Chain

- In aviation and/or helicopter management, what similarities have you seen that deal with the human factors that were in play during preparation and flight?

- In your experience how often are hazard or risk analysis thoroughly reviewed prior to projects?

- What can be learned and applied from review of SafeComs or past incidents?

2. TedX

- What potentially dangerous situation(s) and/or event(s) managing a helicopter commonly gets noticed but sometimes people don't speak up about?

- What can be done to improve this?

3. Rescue Gone Wrong

- What potential pitfalls in aviation operations (fire or resource) are similar to those in this case study?

