



Bill Probets

After graduating from college in Business Management in the United Kingdom, Bill spent almost 9 years as a police officer with Surrey Police, just south of London. During this period he enjoyed various assignments including patrol, public order duties, traffic division, CID (detectives) and surveillance team operations. In 1989 he moved to the United States and developed his commercial aviation career.

He served as the Chief Flight Instructor for a large Part 141 Flight School in the early 1990's developing training programs and catering to an international market. He has several years of experience in Part 135 Commercial Operations flying charters and tours in the Caribbean. He also worked as a line pilot for Petroleum Helicopters Inc. and as a Captain with ERA Helicopters, two of the larger helicopter operators in the world supporting the oil and gas industry in the Gulf of Mexico.

In 1997 Bill joined the Regional Park District Air Support Unit in the San Francisco Bay Area as a sworn Police Officer/Pilot. He was later promoted to the Sergeant/Chief Pilot position supervising flight operations, training and program development, regulatory compliance, maintenance and budgetary planning. Mission profiles for the unit include day and night (NVG) law enforcement, search and rescue, wild-land fire suppression and aeromedical flights.

He holds three Airline Transport Pilot Certificates-Helicopter, in the US, UK and Caribbean. He is also a Commercial Airplane Certificate holder with CFI/II (SEL, MEL and R/H) Ratings.

He has over 9200 hours of flight experience in AS350B-BA-B2-B3, B-206B, 206L, BO-105 and multi-crew B-412ER helicopters along with an assortment of fixed wing and piston aircraft. He has visited and flown with a number of international police aviation units to observe and learn the best practices and ideas each has to offer.

He is carded by the CAL FIRE to conduct aerial fire-fighting operations in the state of California, has instructed for the Airborne Law Enforcement Association, has presented at several international aviation safety conferences in the US, Canada, UK, Spain, Germany, Austria, Belgium and Holland. He is also a California State Authorized Helicopter Landing Zone Inspector.

Being dedicated to the goal of aviation safety and the highest professional standards in the world, he has been an Assessor for the Airborne Law Enforcement/Public Safety Aviation Accreditation Commission since its inception.

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