

HELICOPTER FLIGHT TRAINING CENTER

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FAA certifies Bell 407GX simulator

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The Frasca Bell 407 Level 7 flight training device at the Helicopter Flight Training Center (HFTC) is now FAA-certified as a BH407GX with NVG capabilities. The new certification allows the training center to take the cockpit from analog to glass, a change that will occur about once a month for students flying Bell407GX aircraft.

The cockpit allows for inadvertent IMC training with eight projector screens providing outstanding visuals, including low, medium and high illumination NVG training.

“We are looking forward to training pilots flying both the BH407 and BH407GX in our flight training device,” said HFTC Director Terry Palmer. “It takes just four hours to go from an analog cockpit to a glass cockpit, and we will schedule training so that we can accommodate operators using either airframe.”

The flight training device is available to operators for dry lease, which allows operators to use their own instructors and training curriculum. Programs that do not have an instructor can request a referral from the HFTC or take advantage of its “train the trainer” program.

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About Helicopter Flight Training Center:

The Helicopter Flight Training Center, based in Shreveport, Louisiana, United States, specializes in training for pilots and maintenance technicians. The training center is equipped with an EC135 Level D Full Motion Simulator, EC145 Level D Full Motion Simulator, Bell 407 Level 7 Flight Training Device and an AS350 Level 7 Flight Training Device. In addition, technicians can receive factory maintenance training for Pratt & Whitney and Turbomeca engines. For additional information, contact Terry Palmer at 318.698.5809 or tpalmer@metroaviation.com.