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North Flight Data Systems expands CVR/FDR Certification with Bell Model 407GX STC

Shreveport, LA: North Flight Data Systems, LLC (Heli Expo Booth # 413) is pleased to announce the expansion of their CVR/FDR system certification in the Bell model 407 series to include the 407GX version. North previously received an FAA STC for the installation of their Cockpit Voice and Video Recorder (CV2R) along with their Multi-function Data Acquisition Unit (MFDAU) and Quick Access Recorder (QAR). The system provides a crash resistant CVR/FDR that far exceeds the recent ED155 data capture guidelines and enables the operator to record more than 100 engine and airframe parameters as well as six (6) individual audio channels with video recording. The 407 and the 407GX STC's also include the ability to record the complete Helisas autopilot data stream as well as either analog or digital radar altimeters. The addition of hook load or other accessory equipment data can easily be accommodated.

One of Metro Aviation's newest operational customers, Tampa General Hospital, will begin utilizing the system in February on their four new Bell 407GX helicopters. The system will position them and Metro Aviation as a leading air medical operator that initiates new safety programs and fosters the safest operational environment possible in the light aircraft arena.

Metro Aviation Managing Director Milton Geltz commented: "Metro was among the first group of operators to install the North Voice and Video Recorders in our EMS fleet and the addition of their FDR solidifies our commitment to install a comprehensive system and never compromise safety with partial data solutions."

Jeff Warner, President of North Flight Data Systems said "Our goal has always been to provide helicopter operators with affordable voice, video and flight data recording equipment that provides the detailed data that was only available on larger aircraft in the past. We have surpassed the level of detail obtained in the large and expensive CVR/FDR's. Our system and our software is very user friendly and designed to enable our customers to get useful FOQA and MOQA data. The addition of the GX to our 407 STC ensures we can support our customers entire fleet of light helicopters."

About NORTH Flight Data Systems – With operations in Shreveport, LA, NORTH Flight Data Systems, LLC is a world class technology company dedicated to the design, manufacture and distribution of the most advanced safety

product line and services in the general aviation industry. North provides the most comprehensive LARS technology and a suite of software for the fixed and rotor wing community. North currently holds STC's for most of the Airbus single and light twins as well as the Bell 407 and 407GX helicopters.