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## **Survival Systems USA Receives 2010 New England Helicopter Council Safety Award**

New England Helicopter Council Trophy Honors the Achievement

Groton, CT, June 17, 2010 -- Survival Systems USA has been selected for the 2010 Safety Award by the New England Helicopter Council.

The NEHC Safety Award recognizes individuals and groups for excellence in rotorcraft aviation safety and honors those who have displayed “outstanding service on behalf of safety, whether it be valor, professionalism, or service above and beyond normal expectations.” The NEHC Safety award was 1<sup>st</sup> awarded to Robert Girouard in 1985. The last recipient of the award was Michael Peavey (1997).

Since 1999, Survival Systems USA has trained personnel – from all walks of life – in underwater egress, surface water survival, and numerous other safety courses. Their training, and use of the Modular Egress Training Simulator (METS™), replicates the real world environment –aircraft specific scenarios and equipment as well as environmental simulations – that all aviators must face when confronted with an emergency unplanned water landing, known as a ditching. They have trained in excess of 80,000 personnel, and their training and equipment is known and recognized worldwide. They currently operate 7 training centers worldwide.

About New England Helicopter Council (NEHC)

The New England Helicopter Council traces its lineage to 1978 and the founding of the New England Helicopter Pilots Association (NEHPA). The Association's primary purpose was to enhance communication and safety within the helicopter community. Fueled by the economy in the vibrant 80's, the NEHPA expanded rapidly and provided forums, education programs and social events to benefit its members. With the growing role of rotorcraft throughout the region, in 1997 the NEHPA was reorganized as the New England Helicopter Council. Membership was expanded to include business executives, rotorcraft operators, industry suppliers and rotorcraft enthusiasts.

After more than 25 years of service, the NEHC has become the coordinating point and primary advocate for the rotorcraft community within our six state New England region. It remains committed to fostering and promoting the safe use of rotorcraft in its full variety of applications and the continuous improvement of the infrastructure to support this use.

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