

HELICOPTER SAFETY NEWS

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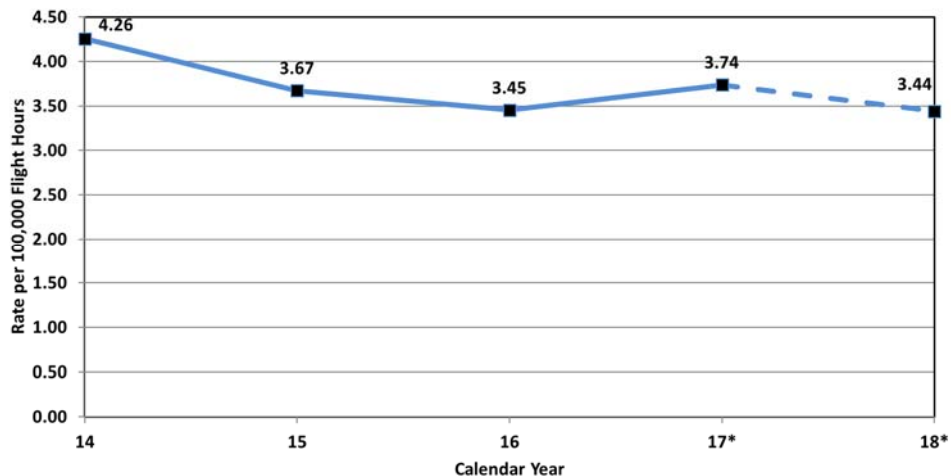
Mixed Results: U.S. Helicopter Total Accident Rate Drops, But Fatal Accident Rate Rises During First Half of 2018

WASHINGTON DC – The total accident rate for the U.S. civil helicopter industry declined as the weather warmed up during the first half of 2018. As summer approached across the country, the total accident rate from January through June was 3.44 per 100,000 flight hours, compared to an accident rate of 3.74 during the full year of 2017. For the first half of 2018, there were 58 total accidents.

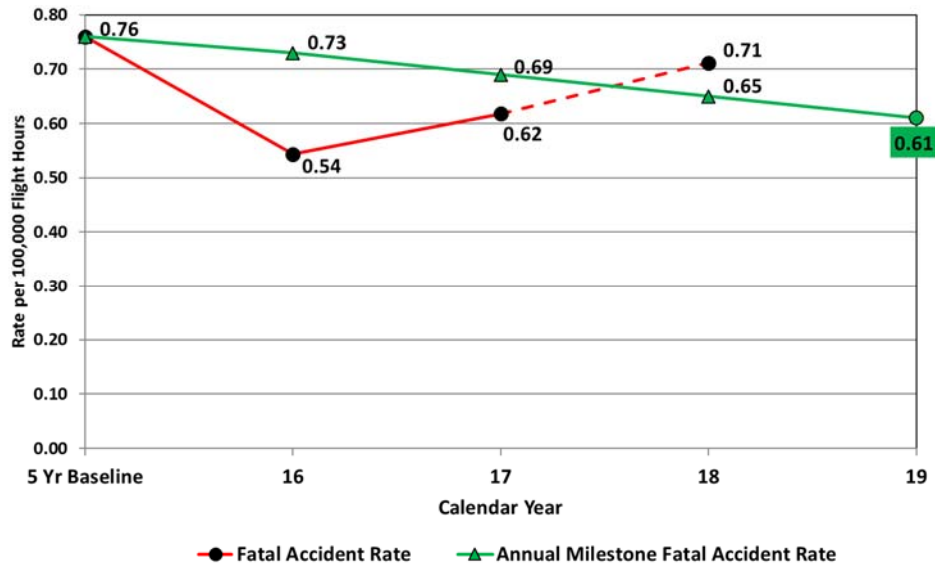
Fatal accidents, however, have increased so far this year, with a rate of 0.71 per 100,000 flight hours. There have been 12 accidents with fatalities during 2018 compared to 10 accidents within the same time period of 2017.

	<u>Total Accident Rate</u>	<u>Fatal Accident Rate</u>	<u>Annual Goal</u>
2013	4.95	1.02	
2014	4.26	0.65	
2015	3.67	0.52	
2016	3.45	0.54	0.73
2017	3.74	0.62	0.69
2018	3.44	0.71	0.65

U.S. Helicopter Accident Rate



U.S. Helicopter Fatal Accident Rate



From 2016 through 2019, the United States Helicopter Safety Team (www.USHST.org) is focusing major attention on reducing fatal accidents within the U.S. civil helicopter community. The industry-government partnership is targeting a reduction by 2019 to 0.61 fatal accidents per 100,000 flight hours. The fatal accident rate goal for 2018 is 0.65 or lower.

More information about the USHST, the International Helicopter Safety Team, its reports, safety tools, Reel Safety audio-visual presentations and YouTube videos can be obtained at its web site at www.IHST.org and on the IHST Facebook page.

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