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Deputy Bryan Smith receives 2017 BLR Aerospace Safety Award

Seminole Co. – (March 14, 2017) – Recently, Seminole County Sheriff's Deputy Bryan Smith was presented with the 2017 BLR Aerospace Safety Award. The awards presentation was held in Dallas and hosted by the Helicopter Association International. Deputy Smith was recognized for his outstanding achievements in promoting safety in the helicopter industry.

Deputy Smith has been a pilot since 1992. He currently serves as a Safety Officer and Instructor pilot for the Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit, and has assisted with numerous crime fighting and fire suppression missions. He has dedicated countless hours in developing and advocating safety solutions for pilots and operators worldwide and has made significant contributions to the helicopter/aerospace industry by leading a volunteer team of industry experts to help cut worldwide accident rates and implement Safety Management System.

Deputy Smith has been a regular instructor at aviation events and safety trainings within the international helicopter community. He is the Program Manager for the Airborne Law Enforcement Association (ALEA), where he is responsible for supporting and improving aviation safety management, flight training, accident response planning, search/rescue, and law enforcement tactics. In addition to working with other aviation safety organizations, Deputy Smith has authored articles for magazines such as *Rotor*, *Law Officer*, *Vertical 911*, and *ALEA Air Beat*.

"Deputy's Smith's professionalism and passion for developing safety initiatives for pilots is commendable and exemplifies our agency's mission to enhance the quality of life for our citizens. He is an invaluable asset to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office," stated Sheriff Dennis Lemma.

A video clip of Deputy Smith accomplishments produced by the Helicopter Association International presentation can be viewed [here](#).

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