

## PILOT TRAINING REFORM

The situation described in this article's main text—that risk management training has never been a high priority, and general aviation's culture inhibits improvements—is beginning to change. The necessity for pilot training reform is beginning to be more broadly acknowledged.

I've written previously about pilot training reform in this journal ("Will Training Reform Help Reduce Fatafs?" July 2011). I chaired the Pilot Training Reform Symposium sponsored by the Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE), held in May 2011 in Atlanta. The results of that symposium can be found on the SAFE Web site, [www.safepilots.org](http://www.safepilots.org).

The training reform agenda emerging from the symposium focused on improvements in training doctrine, standards, curricula, and instruction. The PTS system garnered its fair share of criticism and a broad acknowledgement that the standards, i.e., the knowledge test and the PTS, control what new pilots learn and are taught.

