

# Pilot Training Network

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### **Pilot Training Network will relocate practical flight training to Vero Beach, Florida**

*New location will provide greater infrastructure to accommodate increased number of students*

**Vero Beach, FL, November 11, 2009** – Starting in 2010, Pilot Training Network, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Lufthansa Flight Training, GmbH, will train its students according to a new concept that will emphasize more efficiency and higher quality in their training. Both the FlightCrew Academy and InterCockpit flying schools, combined under the Pilot Training Network umbrella, will start teaching the practical part of Airline Transport Pilot License training for airline pilots in Vero Beach, Florida, and Rostock-Laage, Germany next year. This corporate decision to relocate from the Croatian city of Zadar is a result of the growing number of flying school students as well as increased infrastructural and operational needs.

In spite of the economic crisis, Pilot Training Network has experienced significant student growth. Last year, 151 new airline pilot trainees started in both InterCockpit and FlightCrew Academy flying schools. There are now three times more pilot trainees as in the year the company was founded – a positive trend that continues.

“The infrastructure of our current site would have been pushed to its limits within the foreseeable future,” explains Wolfgang Raebiger, General Manager of Pilot Training Network and an airline pilot himself. “We have therefore decided to move our practical flying phases to Germany and the U.S. to restructure our training.”

The first part of flight training, called VFR training for visual flight rules, will be taught at FlightSafety Academy at the Vero Beach Municipal Airport. Ideal meteorological

conditions for this initial flight stage, short paths, very well equipped training rooms and a modern training fleet ensure effective, high-quality training. With FlightSafety, Pilot Training Network has not only gained a partner with decades of experience, but also an infrastructure geared for growth.

FlightSafety Academy is located in Vero Beach, Florida. It helps to prepare students to fly advanced technology aircraft safely and efficiently in an increasingly complex environment. Students have access to FlightSafety's large fleet of single and multi engine aircraft, full flight simulators, and advanced training devices. The Academy has onsite accommodations for up to 350 people and a full compliment of classrooms, briefing rooms and aircraft maintenance hangars

"This reorganization invests in a smoother training operation, which can now be ensured in spite of the much greater number of students," explains Wolfgang Raebiger.

For more information, visit [www.pilottraining-network.de](http://www.pilottraining-network.de)

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**About Pilot Training Network**

Pilot Training Network GmbH was founded in 2001 as a fully-owned subsidiary of Lufthansa Flight Training GmbH. Headquartered in the Frankfurt/Main Airport, on the premises of the Lufthansa Flight Training Center, Pilot Training Network is located right in the middle of the busiest center of German aviation.

Since its founding, the company has successfully operated the InterCockpit flying school. In April 2008, Pilot Training Network joined Lufthansa CityLine and Germanwings to create a second flying school – the FlightCrew Academy, which stands for a cooperation concept for an even more purposeful airline pilot training.

**About FlightSafety**

FlightSafety International is the world's premier professional aviation training company and supplier of flight simulators, visual systems and displays to commercial, government and military organizations. We provide more than a million hours of training each year to pilots, technicians and other aviation professionals from 154 countries. FlightSafety operates the world's largest fleet of advanced full flight simulators at Learning Centers and training locations in the United States, Canada, Europe, South Africa and Asia.