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Aviator's Humanitarian Mission Benefits from UC Davis Extension Program

DAVIS, Calif.— A former Cold War Navy pilot, who now flies equally dangerous humanitarian missions into some of the world's hot spots recently landed at UC Davis Extension where he enrolled in their *Emergency Response Aviation Safety Management Certificate Program*.

German national Stefan Koehler, who spent 18 years flying for the Luftwaffe, now operates out of South Africa where he works for Air-Tec, Africa, an aircraft sales and leasing company that flies to remote oil and gas operations in Africa and the Middle East. "Extension's program improved my capacity to assist in emergency situations," said Koehler. "Many good ideas came out of the program, including a crew guide I developed based on course resources."

Koehler also contracts with the UN, flying humanitarian missions into Eastern Chad. He also flies for the International Committee of the Red Cross, piloting medevac and resupply missions to areas of civil unrest such as Liberia and Darfur. Before that, he flew NATO missions during the Bosnia conflict, piloting supplies to Sarajevo. He also provided air transport and evacuation in Somalia.

Though an experienced flight safety officer, Koehler wanted to put a polish on his skills. "Our team needs to continuously assess hazards, and Extension's program increased my ability to help team members minimize their risks. I have also learned to mitigate conflicts, keep everyone better informed, and lead more effectively."

Based at Sacramento's McClellan Park, the *Emergency Response Aviation Safety Management Certificate Program* provides students with a firm foundation in aviation safety principles and practices underlying emergency response situations. The fall program begins October 28, 2009.

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