



Richard Carlton

UH-60 / S-70 PIC Type Rating (2025 - Current)

Bell 206 - Bell UH-1 (Singles) - R44

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CERTIFICATES & RATINGS

Commercial Pilot

Rotorcraft-Helicopter, Instrument
Helicopter

Flight Instructor

Rotorcraft-Helicopter, 2019 - exp.
1/2027

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Medical

Class 2 - issued 3/13/2026

Airplane

Single Engine Land - Complex / High
Performance

EDUCATION

University of California, Davis

B.S. Mechanical Engineering - 1993

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Objective

Updated Nov 2026

Seasonal Fire Helicopter Pilot - government agency, CalFire, or Part 135 operator. Ideal assignment: PIC of an initial attack helicopter Type II Helo for fire suppression, LE support, or SAR.

Part Time Off Season: 135 Utility if available.

Summary

Law Enforcement	Sheriff's helicopter pilot for Merced County in the Bell 206B and UH-1H - patrol, search and rescue, and law enforcement support. 114.2 hours of law enforcement mission time.
Fire - Air	2025 fire season flying UH-60 / S-70 SIC with an 880 gallon bucket for Reeder Flying Service, USFS carded SIC, Regions 3 and 5. CWN.
Fire - Ground	Four fire seasons of wildland initial attack on a Type III engine with CalFire (CDF).
Aviation	Commercial Helicopter with Instrument Rating, Helicopter CFI, PIC Type Rating UH-60 / S-70, Class 2 Medical. Owner and operator of a Bell 206B and a Robinson R44.
Non-Aviation	Thirty-five years running a technical company - project management, customer relationships, and work with government agencies.

PIC Helicopter Flight Time

Categories per DOI form OAS-64B, Interagency Helicopter Pilot Evaluation Application

PIC Helicopter - Total	1,736.6	Mountainous Terrain	336.3
PIC Helicopter - Last 12 Months	327.5	Night Unaided	98.2
PIC Helicopter - Last 90 Days	127.0	NVG Operations	0
More than 12,500 lbs	111.0	Vertical Reference	40.6
Turbine Engine	904.7	IFR Actual	0
Reciprocating Engine	893.6	IFR Simulated	51.4

Aircraft Flown

MAKE, MODEL & SERIES	VTR	MTN	12 MO	PIC HOURS	NOTES
Sikorsky UH-60A / S-70	0	108.6	1.5	111.0	PIC Type Rating 2025 - Current
Bell 206B / B2 / B3	40.6	122.8	299.5	760.2	Owner. Bell School 12/2024
Robinson R44	0	103.4	10.2	893.6	Owner. SFAR 73 current 11/2025
Bell UH-1 / 212	0	1.5	16.3	37.6	

Additional Flight Time

Total Time - All Aircraft	2,081.1	Law Enforcement Mission	114.2
Total PIC - All Aircraft	1,958.7	External Load - Longline	40.6
Total Helicopter	1,798.3	Instruction Given	145.1
Helicopter Cross Country	1,349.7	Flight Hours per Year	270
Fire Suppression (Incident)	82.0		

AGENCY CARDS & QUALS

USFS Pilot Qualification Card
UH-60 / S-70 SIC - 2025 fire season - not current

CURRENCY & ENDORSEMENTS

61.55 SIC Qualification
n/a - PIC qualified

61.56 Flight Review
5/17/2026

61.57 IFR Currency
5/15/2026

61.58 PIC Proficiency
5/17/2026

133 Demonstration
none

137 Demonstration
none

SFAR 73 (R44)
11/2025

TRAINING

Helicopter Institute - Bell 206B School
Fort Worth, TX - 2024

Universal Helicopters - Bell 206B
Scottsdale, AZ - 2022

US Aviation Training Solutions
Helicopter CFI - 2019

UH-60 / S-70 Type Rating Course
2025

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Work Experience

Sheriff's Helicopter Pilot - Bell 206B and UH-1H

Merced County Sheriff's Office, Merced, CA

Nov 2025 - Present, part-time weekly

- Patrol, search and rescue, and other activities supporting law enforcement, as directed by the Sheriff of Merced County.
- Fly with a Tactical Flight Officer aboard, including arson patrol and airborne search using FLIR.
- Long line support as necessary for emergency response.

Helicopter Pilot - USFS Carded SIC, UH-60 / S-70

Reeder Flying Service, Twin Falls, ID

2025 Fire Season

- Fire suppression in the UH-60 / S-70 with an 880 gallon bucket, assigned to USFS Regions 3 and 5 on a Call When Needed contract.
- Carded by USFS as UH-60 / S-70 SIC for the 2025 fire season.
- Safe operation of the aircraft throughout suppression activity, in SIC and, when needed, PIC duties.

Wildland Firefighter - Type III Engine, Initial Attack

CalFire (CDF)

Four fire seasons

- Ground-based initial attack on a Type III engine.
- Fireline operations, incident command structure, and radio discipline on active incidents.

Flight Instructor - Helicopter

Part-time, CFI Rotorcraft-Helicopter

2019 - Present

- Primary and commercial instruction given in Robinson R44 and Bell 206.

Ferry Pilot - SIC, Bell 212, Alaska to Fresno, California

Rogers Helicopters, Fresno, CA

2011

- Long-range ferry of a Bell 212 from Alaska to Fresno, California - twelve legs through Yukon and British Columbia, crossing back into the United States at Oroville, Washington.
- Route: Tok Junction 6K8 - Whitehorse CYXY - Watson Lake CYQH - Fort Nelson CYYE - Fort St. John CYYJ - Prince George CYXS - Kamloops CYKA - Oroville 0S7 - Omak KOMK - The Dalles KDLS - Klamath Falls KLMT - Redding KRDD - Fresno KFAT.

Chief Executive Officer

RC Consulting, Inc. / FMTraining.tv

May 1990 - Present

- Built a technical software development company with a staff of 30 W-2 and 1099 employees.
- Primary role of trainer and product management.
- Managed relationships with marketing and product development departments at Apple Inc.

Aircraft Maintenance Experience

Maintenance Under the Supervision of Certificated Mechanics - 14 CFR 43.3(d)

Big Valley Aviation, Stockton, CA

2023 - Present

- Supported 100-hour and annual inspections on Bell 206B and 206L aircraft, performing maintenance under the direct supervision of certificated mechanics.
- Removal and replacement of fuel cells.
- Replacement of aged wiring and electrical / avionics components.

References

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Chief Pilot

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season in the Blackhawk*

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*Supervises my
maintenance work at
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Stephane Rebeix

Chief Pilot

US Aviation Training
Solutions

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