



## ***EPIC 2024 - Short Haul Certification Training & Re-certification***

**This document contains information for both first time certification and re-certification.**

**Please read carefully.**

### **New Short Haul Certifications**

For the past three seasons, the EPIC program has utilized a video training presentation in lieu of a classroom training venue for the certification of new Short Haul candidates.

This video training program was originally developed because of the COVID situation. It has since been found an effective alternative and will continue. It is intended for personnel needing to certify for the first time, and/or those who have not recertified, or conducted an operational Short Haul since the 2022 season.

The two-part video presentation fulfills most aspects of the classroom material, and when coupled with a short on-scene instruction at the certification venues, accomplishes our training goals.

The video training will prepare the viewer for the certification flights, and operations during the 2024 eradication season. The video presentation is required for new Short Haul personnel and for those persons who have not re-certified or had an operational short haul in the past two seasons (2022 or 2023). Personnel qualifying for re-certification only do not need to view the video training presentations or complete the certification confirmation form.

***Note: These videos are posted to an "Unlisted" You Tube link that is not visible to the public. These training videos are for Law Enforcement Use Only. Please do not send or share outside of your agency. These videos will be taken down the week of June 29, 2024.***

Once the video instruction has been complete, personnel will need to complete the attached ***Short Haul Video Training Confirmation Form*** and bring the form to the Short Haul training venue of their choice. **The completed form must be presented at the training venue when you check in. No Form, No Certification Flights.**

While this video training program has been successful in preparing new Short Haul personnel for the certification flights, there have been a small number of instances in which it was readily apparent to our training staff that a new candidate had not viewed the videos but presented the Confirmation Form indicating that they had. Should our staff observe new personnel where this is the obvious case, in the interest of safety, we will decline to certify that person until such time the videos have been viewed, and it is safe to certify the candidate.

At each certification venue EPIC staff will provide guidance and instruction for new personnel prior to the certification flights.