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Bell and Semper Fly Helicopters Officially Launch Bell 206 Certified Training Facility in Oklahoma

Semper Fly becomes the second Bell Certified Training Facility in the United States, expanding access to professional helicopter training through its FAA Part 141 and Part 61 flight school and VA-approved training programs.



Fort Worth, Texas (November 17, 2026) - Bell Textron Inc., a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, announced that Semper Fly Helicopters, the second independent Bell Certified Training Facility (CTF) in the United States, has successfully completed its final training requirements and is officially ready to begin delivering Bell-approved training on the Bell 206 platform.

Located at Max Westheimer Airport in Norman, Oklahoma, Semper Fly Helicopters is a woman-owned, service-disabled veteran-owned flight training organization offering comprehensive helicopter training under both FAA Part 141 and Part 61, as well as VA-

approved flight training programs for eligible veterans. The addition of Bell Certified Training further expands Semper Fly's capabilities, providing Bell 206 initial and recurrent training and turbine transition opportunities for civilian, commercial, military, and government operators.

"Bell is excited for Semper Fly to officially launch their newest flight training programs in cooperation with Bell. Our goal here was to develop an equally challenging and accessible training program that will reach new pilots in Oklahoma and beyond, and I believe that Semper Fly has the ability to achieve that," said Chad Sparks, general manager, Bell Training Academy. "We look forward to seeing the team welcome its first students soon."

Founded and operated by military aviation veterans, Semper Fly Helicopters has established itself as a growing aviation training organization with a strong emphasis on safety, standardization, and professional pilot development. Through its partnership with the University of Oklahoma, Semper Fly provides helicopter flight training supporting the university's aviation program, creating a pathway for students pursuing professional careers in rotary-wing aviation.

Beyond collegiate aviation, Semper Fly provides training for individual pilots, transitioning military personnel, law enforcement agencies, and government organizations. Its FAA Part 141 and Part 61 training options provide students with structured and flexible pathways toward their aviation goals, while its VA-approved flight training programs allow eligible veterans to utilize their education benefits toward approved helicopter flight training.

"Becoming an independent Bell Certified Training Facility is a tremendous milestone for Semper Fly and a reflection of the standards we've worked hard to establish," said Brandi Rector, President and CEO of Semper Fly Helicopters. "From the beginning, our goal has been to build a flight training organization that delivers exceptional instruction while creating real opportunities for people pursuing careers in helicopter aviation. Our partnership with the University of Oklahoma, our FAA Part 141 and Part 61 programs, and our VA approval have allowed us to build a strong foundation. Our collaboration with Bell

takes that even further. We're proud to bring this level of training to Oklahoma and to serve the pilots and operators who depend on these aircraft every day."

As an independent Bell Certified Training Facility, Semper Fly will deliver training aligned with Bell's established standards, combining its instructional expertise with Bell's aircraft-specific training curriculum. The facility will support Bell 206 operators seeking initial qualification, recurrent training, and turbine transition instruction.

The collaboration reinforces Bell and Semper Fly's shared commitment to aviation safety, professional development, and expanding access to high-quality helicopter training. Together, the organizations are strengthening Oklahoma's position as a destination for professional helicopter training while supporting the evolving needs of civilian, commercial, and government aviation operators nationwide.

To learn more about Bell aircraft and training opportunities, visit www.bellflight.com.

For information about Semper Fly Helicopters and its flight training programs, visit www.semperflyhelicopters.com.

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