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Duties: Training Program
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Background: Paul Comtois is the Director for Advanced Pilot Training (APT) programs which includes Upset Prevention and Recovery Training (UPRT), Altitude Awareness, Spatial Disorientation (SD), and Situational Awareness (SA) courses. Paul's Air Force career spanned 23 years where he logged nearly 3,000 hours in the F-16, A-10, KC-135, T-38, and T-37 aircraft. His final assignment before retiring in 2009 was Wing Commander of the 111th Fighter Wing. Paul is a trained safety professional and aircraft mishap investigator who completed numerous investigations during his career. His experiences in aviation have driven him to focus efforts on the Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I) problem. This goal led him to the International Committee for Aviation Training in Extended Envelopes (ICATEE), an organization whose goal is to enhance safety in commercial air travel worldwide.

Paul has a Bachelor of Science degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, and a Master of Science from the United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He has completed the United States Air Force Aviation Mishap Investigation Course and the United States Navy Aviation Safety Officer Course.