



## **Adriano Stavole**

### **Pilot Captain- Aviation**

As a pilot captain based in Cleveland, Ohio, Adriano Stavole uses his extensive flight training and experience to improve airline operational goals and corporate missions. With over 5000 flight hours, he began his career at NASA's Langley Research Center in Virginia, where he aided in the research and development of our country's proposed Small Aircraft Transportation Systems (SATS).

As a trained and certified flight instructor (CFI), Stavole was instrumental in helping many students at Ohio University achieve their goals of becoming pilots and passing the written, oral, and practical exams required for private, instrument, or commercial pilot licensing. Adriano is also trained to instruct future pilots on multi-engine airplanes under CFR part 141, which includes cross-country flights.

Adriano's passion for helping others led him to the air ambulance industry, which helps save the lives of thousands of critically ill or injured patients every year. In this field, and as PIC (Pilot In Command), Stavole has been instrumental in critical care and organ procurement operations, either navigating or piloting ambulatory aircraft with a First Officer through brutal weather or in congested territories.

Stavole is a commercial pilot, a certified flight instructor, and a licensed airline transport pilot. In addition to his Instrument Rating (IR) and Multi-engine Rating, he is also rated for flying specific jets and high-performance aircraft, including CE560XL, CE560, CE525(S), LJ31, BE40, and DHC-8 (SIC).

## **Early Life and Education**

Adriano Santino Stavole was born to Italian parents on Cleveland's West Side, also known as Little Italy. The community is still home to Italian artisans, historic churches, authentic Italian bakeries, trattorias, and boutique shops. Growing up in this ethnically rich community, Adriano likely enjoyed the annual outdoor street processions that reenacted historical events or marked special occasions in Catholicism. Adriano served as an altar boy and server member in the Catholic Church and was very involved in intramural and CYO basketball, baseball, and football throughout grade school.

Stavole excelled in team sports, helping lead his little league teams to several championships, and was voted first-team All-Star and co-MVP of the league in middle school. But, it was his academic accomplishments that got him accepted to St. Edward High School, a college prep school, where he went on to achieve academic honors. His family was keen on working hard to accomplish goals. As a young man, Adriano worked as a funeral home custodian, a busboy and server in the restaurant business, and a construction laborer - all before graduating from college.

He was accepted when he applied for the aviation program at Ohio University in Athens. In addition to his passion for flying, Stavole participated in the school's rugby club and the Ohio University Ski Club. He was elected to the Board as Assistant Secretary and helped manage member funds and organize club ski trips across North America. After graduating from Ohio University with dual degrees - a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics and a BA in Business Aviation Management, Adriano worked for the college as a staff flight instructor in the aviation department.

## **Career and Accomplishments**

Adriano Stavole began his career as a First Officer for CommutAir, responsible for flying scheduled air carrier commercial airplanes for Continental Airlines under CFR Part 121. But Adriano's passion for flying and his desire to help others were key in his decision to become an air ambulance pilot—a career where he was required to balance the pressures of safety, the weather, urban obstacles, and the best route with the severity of the patient's injuries.

In 2009, he pivoted into an esteemed career as an air ambulance pilot, first joining AirMed International and then Aitheras Aviation Group, where he was a pilot and flight coordinator for fifteen years. As a critical part of an emergency rescue and crisis management team, Adriano coordinated air ambulance missions between hospitals using jet aircraft, often transporting life-saving organs to critical patients nationwide. He was promoted to Captain within the Aitheras Aviation Group, where his role increased to managing patient documentation, onboard data systems, and flight logistics.

Stavole was instrumental in promoting highly efficient and safe aircraft charter operations during the expansion of air ambulance services into mainstream health care. He completed his distinguished career in patient transport flight as Assistant Chief Pilot, responsible for implementing and regulating corporate operating procedures, safety directives, and flight risk assessments. Stavole continues to operate jet aircraft as a pilot for private charter operations.

## **Personal Life and Accolades**

In 2019, Adriano Stavole was awarded the Pilot Award of Excellence, an honor delivered to aircraft pilots with 15 years or 5,000 hours of safe flying experience with at least three emergency encounters. In his role as a Master Instructor, early in his career, Adriano was credited with making sure that an entire generation of commercial and private pilots always put safety practices ahead of intuition.

Stavole has two children and resides in Broadview Heights, OH, a suburb of his beloved west-side Cleveland community. Adriano is renovating a second home, a passion project in which Adriano has learned much about residential construction. He and his family are active members of their local church community, and he still enjoys spending quality time with his family while they are vacationing. Adriano enjoys racing sailboats on Lake Erie, mountain biking, camping, snowboarding, and kayaking.