Ryan Castellano

Fixed Wing Pilot

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SUMMARY

Fixed Wing Pilot with 3,900 hours total time, including 1,500 hours in the Pilatus PC-12 on Part 135 air ambulance missions across Montana and Wyoming. Holds an ATP certificate and a current FAA First Class Medical. Plans mountain flying and winter operations with firm weather and fuel margins, and keeps flight logs audit-ready.

SKILLS

- **Pilatus PC-12**
- **Cessna 208B**
- **Part 135**
- **Instrument Flight Rules**
- **Mountain Flying**
- **Winter Operations**
- **Weight and Balance**
- **Pre-Flight Inspections**
- **Flight Logs**
- **Crew Resource Management**

EXPERIENCE

Fixed Wing Pilot 08/2022 - Present

Yellowstone Air Medical Billings, MT

Air ambulance program with 4 PC-12s covering a 300-mile service area.

- Fly **180** patient transports a year in the Pilatus PC-12, landing on 40+ rural strips under 5,000 feet.
- Assess icing, mountain wave and runway conditions with dispatch before launch, with zero incidents since hire.
- Complete pre-flight inspections and stretcher-loading checks inside a 20-minute launch window.
- Maintain flight logs and duty records that passed 2 FAA inspections and a CAMTS audit without findings.

Cargo Pilot 05/2019 - 07/2022

High Plains Air Freight Casper, WY

Part 135 cargo operator flying overnight bank and parcel routes.

- Logged **1,400** hours of night freight in the Cessna 208B on instrument flight rules routes across Wyoming.
- Rerouted around mountain obscuration and icing, delaying or diverting 22 flights in one winter.
- Checked weight and balance for mixed freight loads of up to 3,200 pounds on each leg.
- Coached 2 new hires on company routes, fuel planning and the hazards of Wind River crossings.

Flight Instructor 06/2017 - 04/2019

Laramie Valley Flight School Laramie, WY

Part 61 school flying from a 7,200-foot field.

- Completed **800** hours of dual instruction to private and instrument students.
- Taught crew resource management basics and high-altitude takeoff planning to every instrument student.
- Recommended 14 students for checkrides, all passing on the first or second attempt.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science 05/2017

Rocky Mountain College Billings, MT

Aviation

CERTIFICATES

FAA Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) Certificate, Multi-Engine Land
Federal Aviation Administration
03/2022

FAA First Class Medical Certificate
Federal Aviation Administration
05/2026

FCC Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit
Federal Communications Commission
06/2017