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Dr. Michael Gillen is a Captain and Line Check Airman on the B737 with United Airlines. Michael recently completed work to integrate the Safety departments of United Airlines and Continental Airlines that resulted from the airlines merger in 2010. He has also held positions at United Airlines as Manager of Command Development Programs; Head of New Hire Pilot Hiring; Head of Captain Upgrade and CRM programs.

Michael holds type ratings in the A320, B737, and B777. He served as the head instructor pilot in the B777 and B737.

He successfully completed his Ph.D. in Aerospace Science at the University of North Dakota with a dissertation focusing on startle effect and mitigation techniques. Michael has a Masters of Science degree in Human Factors from the University of North Dakota.

Michael is a nationally recognized speaker and writer on the subject of piloting skills. He has worked with several fortune 500 companies in recognizing the importance of human factors in their flight departments.