

Houston Police Buy Three Schweizer Helicopters

Houston, T.X., July 14, 2008- Schweizer Aircraft announces the sale of three 300C helicopters to the Houston Police Department. The three new Schweizer 300C's are being purchased to replace the division's three current Hughes 300C helicopters, which are each more than 30 years old. Air Flite Inc., the Schweizer Sales and Service Center for Texas, sold the aircraft and will provide continued support for the Houston Police Department. Schweizer Aircraft is a subsidiary of Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., a United Technologies Corp. (NYSE: UTX) company.

The Houston Police Department's Air Support Division has had a significant role in ensuring the safety and security of America's fourth largest city in population and second largest in area with 643 square miles. In 2007 the unit flew a total of 5,119 hours, responded to 7,292 calls and made 496 arrests (311 of which were felonies). Due to the invaluable role the HPD Air Support Division has played in keeping Houston safe, the City Council granted them permission to purchase three new Schweizer 300C helicopters to be used exclusively for training HPD officers.

The Air Support Division of the HPD was established in 1970, with an initial fleet of three Hughes 269B aircraft. These three aircraft flew a total of 3,500 hours within the first year of being purchased. Of those 3,500 hours, 1,500 were used for patrol and the remainder for in-house training. During those 1,500 hours of patrol, the HPD's eight original aviation officers responded to 2,600 calls and made 228 arrests; therefore proving the helicopters to be extremely effective.

The current division, which is comprised of 31 pilots and 7 mechanics, typically flies two shifts day and is budgeted to fly 20 hours out of each 24 hour

period. The existing fleet includes three Schweizer 300C model helicopters, which are used exclusively for flight training purposes. Of the 31 pilots in the flight crew, two are full-time flight instructors who provide in-house flight training, as well as recurrent flight training, flying about 400 hours a year in each aircraft. Each pilot in the HPD flight crew is required to do quarterly check rides including full touchdown autorotations in their 300C helicopters, no matter the level of training they have achieved.

Senior HPD Pilot Dan Schwarzbach states, "In 38 years of operation, more than 124 police officers have received commercial rotorcraft ratings in the unit's Hughes/Schweizer 300 series helicopters. These pilots have logged over 295,000 hours of total time in airborne law enforcement operations in various aircraft without a single serious accident or fatality, a true testament to the quality of our training staff, mechanics, and the aircraft we operate."

Schweizer manufactures the model 300CBi™, 300C™, and 333™ helicopters, the Fire Scout™ VTUAV, SA 2-37B™ and RU-38B™ surveillance airplanes, and a wide range of major airframe components under subcontract to the U.S. aerospace industry. Schweizer sells and supports its aircraft through a worldwide network of sales and service centers.

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., based in Stratford, Conn., is a world leader in the design, manufacture and service of advanced helicopters for commercial, industrial and military uses. The company's long commitment to safety and innovation is reflected in its mission statement: "We pioneer flight solutions that bring people home everywhere ... every time™." United Technologies Corp., of Hartford, Conn., provides a broad range of high-technology products and support services to the aerospace and building systems industries.

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