

## **San Antonio Police Log More Than 20,000 Flight Hours With Schweizer Model 333™ Helicopters**

HOUSTON, Texas, July 16, 2008 – The San Antonio Police Department's (SAPD) fleet of Schweizer 333™ helicopters has exceeded the 20,000 flight hour milestone. Schweizer Aircraft is a subsidiary of Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., a United Technologies Corp. (NYSE: UTX) company.

The SAPD helicopter unit began in 1971 with a Hughes 300C helicopter, and a second one was added in 1974. The SAPD purchased its first two Schweizer helicopters in 1997. To meet increased demand for patrol missions, the department acquired two more Schweizer 333 helicopters and increased patrol coverage to a 24/7 schedule in 2000. Today the department operates a fleet of four helicopters, three of which are Schweizer 333 helicopters. According to Sgt. Patrick McNamara, "The 333 is an excellent police patrol helicopter."

The SAPD 333 helicopters are all equipped with special mission equipment, including infrared systems, moving maps, digital video recorders, police radios, searchlights, and vertically adjustable landing lights. They also are equipped with a downlink that assists with anything from traffic reports to vehicle and missing person searches.

"The Blue Eagles" helicopter staff consists of 17 patrol officers, one detective, two sergeants, and two mechanics. Members of the unit assist ground officers with routine patrols, tracking and locating suspects, monitoring traffic, as well as fighting fires. All "Blue Eagle" pilots are San Antonio police officers; three have CFI ratings.

The 333 operates throughout the world in many demanding roles including law enforcement patrol, power line/pipeline patrol, commercial and military flight training, ranching, external load operations, animal surveys, aerial photography

and personal transportation. The spacious cockpit, large useful load, impressive performance, robust design, low acquisition price and low direct operating costs make the 333 best-in-class for patrol and training roles.

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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