

Sikorsky Global Helicopters Honors the Houston Police Department at Heli-Expo 2010

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 22, 2010 – Sikorsky Global Helicopters, a Sikorsky company, today at Heli-Expo honored the Houston Police Department (HPD) for its customer loyalty and outstanding service to the community. Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. is a subsidiary of United Technologies Corp. (**NYSE: UTX**).

The Houston Police Department's Air Support Division plays a significant role in ensuring the safety of city residents. In 2009 the unit flew a total of 5,132 hours, responded to 12,405 calls, and made 776 arrests.

The Air Support Division's fleet includes three Sikorsky S-300C™ model helicopters, which are used primarily for flight training.

"The Houston Police Department has been a dedicated customer of 300-series helicopters for many years," said David Oglesbee, director, Sikorsky Global Helicopters, Light Helicopter Division. "The important work they do to protect their community helps reinforce our commitment to build and support reliable, safe aircraft."

The Air Support Division of the HPD was established in 1970 with an initial fleet of three Hughes 269B aircraft. In nearly 40 years of operation, more than 125 police officers have received commercial rotorcraft ratings in the unit's 300-series helicopters. These pilots have logged more than 87,000 hours of total time in airborne law enforcement operations aboard Sikorsky light-piston helicopters without a fatality or serious accident.

“The S-300C helicopter’s safety record and the quality of our training staff and mechanics have helped us maintain a strong presence in our community and keep it safe,” said Capt. Tom Runyan, Air Support Division commander.

The S-300C helicopter is also known for its versatility in a broad range of operations, from law enforcement and utility patrol to lift operations. With its 950-pound useful load, the S-300C helicopter combines precise maneuverability with outstanding endurance at an economical price.

In addition, the S-300C helicopter operates throughout the world in many demanding roles including military patrol, power line/pipeline patrol, commercial and military flight training, ranching, external load operations, animal surveys, aerial photography and personal transportation. The cockpit size, load capacity, performance characteristics, robust design and low direct operating costs make the S-300C a leader in its class.

Sikorsky Global Helicopters, a Sikorsky company, produces the S-76[®], S-92[®], and H-92[™] helicopters as well as the S-300C[™], S-300CBi[™], S-333[™], and S-434[™] light helicopters. SGH subsidiaries include Keystone Helicopter Corp. and Associated Aircraft Group (AAG).

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., based in Stratford, Conn., is a world leader in helicopter design, manufacture, and service. United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, Conn., provides a broad range of high-technology products and support services to the aerospace and building systems industries.

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