BELL ANNOUNCED DELIVERY OF TWO BELL 407GXIS TO CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chicago Police Department has accepted the delivery of two Bell 407GXis, expanding their all-Bell fleet with additional public safety capabilities. The Chicago Police Department's Helicopter Operations Unit acts as an aerial command-and-control center to first responders on the ground, serving Chicago's more than 2.6 million residents. The newly acquired Bell 407GXi duo joins the Department's Bell 429 to enhance homeland security through aerial reconnaissance and surveillance.

Lane Evans, managing director of North America sales, Bell commented: "Bell is proud to build upon our over 20-year relationship with the Chicago Police Department as they modernize their aerial public safety capabilities with an all-Bell fleet. The Bell 407GXi is an incredible multi-mission aircraft with hundreds of public safety agencies throughout the world using the platform to advance their operations."

Superintendent Larry Snelling, Chicago Police Department stated: "This new fleet marked a new era for our Helicopter Unit. These helicopters are our eyes in the sky, allowing us to address crime in a safer and more efficient manner."

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Equipped with single-pilot Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) capability and adjustable cabin space that seats up to five crew members, the Bell 407GXi allows operators to perform in demanding environments while transporting essential public safety equipment. In addition to its tactical capabilities, the Bell 407GXis will come equipped with a cargo hook that can hold up to 3,100 lbs. of essential public safety equipment.

“With the integration of 21st century technology and advanced mission-readiness capabilities, the Bell 407GXis will elevate the Department’s public safety operations for decades to come,” said Ben Lassiter, regional sales manager, Bell.

Bell remains a trusted partner for public safety operators across the globe.

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