CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKES DELIVERY OF A BELL 429, SIGNS PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR TWO BELL 407GXIS

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Bell Textron delived Bell 429 and a signed purchase agreement for two Bell 407GXi aircraft for the Chicago Police Department. The three aircraft will join the Helicopter Operations Unit's existing fleet of all-Bell aircraft. The Chicago Police Department's Helicopter Operations Unit provides emergency response assistance to the city's more than 2.6 million residents by amplifying the capabilities of ground-based law enforcement units. The Helicopter Operations Unit plans to utilize their three new Bell aircraft for critical public safety missions such as aerial patrol and police unit transportation. The three aircraft will also serve as aerial command-and-control centers that will provide tactical and technological information to first responders on the ground.

Lane Evans, North America managing director, Bell commented: "For over 20 years, the Chicago Police Department have chosen Bell as their premier public safety aircraft partner. Bell is honored to continue that relationship with the Department as they expand their public safety mission capabilities across Chicago."

Superintendent Larry Snelling, Chicago Police Department said: "The acquisition of these helicopters is instrumental in our efforts to modernize our fleet so we can better serve the residents of Chicago. These new helicopters will give us a stronger aerial advantage in our efforts

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to strengthen public safety in every neighborhood."

Ben Lassiter, regional sales manager, Bell stated: “With its cutting-edge technology and multi-mission assets, the Bell 407GXi and Bell 429 continue to be the aircraft of choice for public safety agencies around the world. Both platforms offer distinctive, multi-mission capabilities that will advance the Department’s existing fleet.”

In addition to the aircraft acquisition, the Chicago Police Department plans to train its pilots on both platforms at the Bell Training Academy in Fort Worth, TX.



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