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VIRGINIA BEACH PURCHASES NEW MD 530F

The first MD 530F ordered by Virginia Beach Police Aviation, Helicopter Operations will deliver improved operational efficiency in the execution of all law enforcement operations

Mesa, Ariz., August 31, 2017 – [MD Helicopters, Inc.](#) (MDHI) is proud to announce the purchase of a new, custom-configured MD 530F by the Virginia Beach Police Department Aviation Unit. This will be the first MD Helicopters aircraft to join the Virginia Beach Police Department since the Helicopter Operations unit was established.

"The MD 530F is an exceptional aircraft for law enforcement operations," said Andy Pillado, Vice President, Commercial & Military Sales and Marketing for MD Helicopters. "More than just a force multiplier, this aircraft is an affordable, powerful performer that delivers reliability and increased mission versatility."

Virginia Beach, the most populous city in Virginia, covers 310 square miles and boasts a population of 450,000. The Helicopter Operations Unit provides police aviation resources 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. supporting ground units in the execution of air patrol, search and rescue, surveillance, as well as crime scene and damage assessment. Operated by a two-person flight crew, the unit also provides assistance in dignitary transports and Project Lifesaver support as needed.

The Virginia Beach Police right-hand command MD 530F will feature the Rolls-Royce 250-C30 650shp turbine engine, extended landing gear, Fargo 21 gallon auxiliary fuel tank, and wire strike protection system. High-contrast main rotor blades, a FLIR® Star SAFIRE 380HDc EOIR system, a new TrakkaBeam® A800 searchlight, and an NVISB interior will provide enhanced visibility for both officers and citizens during low-light operations.

The all-glass cockpit features the Garmin 500H EFIS flight display, Garmin GTN650H touchscreen GPS/Navigation and communications panel, Garmin GMA 350H audio panel, Howell Instruments Engine Instruments Display, Technisonic TDFM 9300 and Garmin GTR 225 multi-band airborne radios, and Churchill ARS-600 airborne mapping system.

"It is truly an honor to be joining the Virginia Beach Police Department family," Pillado concludes. "We are excited about the role this aircraft will play in protecting the citizens of Virginia Beach, and look forward to a long and growing relationship."

MD Helicopters will deliver the new, custom-configured MD 530F to the Virginia Beach Police Department, Helicopter Operations Aviation Unit in Q2 2018.

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About MD Helicopters, Inc.

MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI), a woman-owned, small business, is a leading manufacturer of commercial, military, law enforcement and air-rescue helicopters. The MDHI family of rotorcraft is world renowned for its value, versatility and performance, and includes the twin-engine MD 902 Explorer, the MD 530F Cayuse Warrior Light Scout Attack Helicopter, the new MD530G Attack helicopter, and a single-engine commercial fleet that includes the MD 600N, MD 520N, MD 500E and MD 530F. The innovative NOTAR® system for anti-torque control with no tail rotor – a key feature of the MD 902, MD 600N and MD 520N – is used exclusively by MD Helicopters to provide safer, quieter performance and confined-area access capability.

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