TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY





NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT

- **HELICOPTERS (15)**
- American Eurocopter ASTAR
- □ 1 x EC-145

■ AIRPLANES (8)

- 1 Gulfstream
 Commander 1000
 Twin Engine
 Turboprop
- □ 1 Cessna 210 SEL
- 6 Cessna 206 SEL



50 PILOTS IN 15 DIFFERENT STATIONS



TEXAS DPS AIRCRAFT SECTION 2009

Tactical Flight Officers (TFO)

- 16 TFO's (one at each helicopter station)
- Serve as communications officer with ground units
- Operates FLIR (Wescam TS-12)
- Operates NightSun (Spectrolab)
- Serves as spotter to ground activities
- Provides pilot with information to gain the best vantage point for the situation at hand

AIRCRAFT STATIONS (15)

- Austin
- Garland
- Houston
- Waco
- San Antonio
- Corpus Christi
- McAllen
- Midland
- Lubbock
- Amarillo
- El Paso
- Alpine
- Del Rio
- Laredo
- Longview



CURRENT STATIONS

EL PASO

ALPINE

2 Pilots

1 TFO

2 Pilots

1 TFO

50 Pilots 16 TFO's AMARILLO 2 Pilots 1 TFO

TEXAS DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY _AIRCRAFT_SECTION

LUBBOCK

1 Lieutenant 2 Pilots

2 Pilots

1TFO

MIDLAND

1 Lieutenant

2 Pilots

1 TFO

DEL RIO 2 Pilots

1 TFO

GARLAND
1 Lieutenant

3 Pilots (2 GPD TFOs)

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WACO 2 Pilots 1 TFO

AUSTIN

Chief / Asst. Chief Training Officer

1 Lieutenant / 4 Pilots

1 TFO

SAN ANTONIO

1 Lieutenant

3 Pilots 1 TFO

CORPUS CHRISTI

2 Pilo

LAREDO 2 Pilots

(1 TDY Austin Pilot

1 TFO

MCAL

1 Lieut.

5 Pilots 1 TFO LONGVIEW 2 Pilots

1 TFO

HOUSTON
1 Lieutenant.
3 Pilots

1 TFO

15 HELICOPTERS



- **■** Austin (100)
- **■** Garland (101)
- **■** Houston (102)
- Corpus Christi (103)
- **■** Midland (104)
- Lubbock (105)
- Waco (106)
- San Antonio (107)
- McAllen (108)
- Amarillo (109)
- El Paso (149)
- Alpine (119)
- Del Rio (116)
- Laredo (148)
- Longview (146)

8 AIRPLANES

- Austin Twin (110)
- Garland SEL (111)
- Houston SEL (112)
- McAllen SEL (118)
- Midland SEL (114)
- Lubbock SEL (115)
- Austin SEL (117)
- San Antonio (113)



Gulfstream Commander 1000 Twin Engine Turboprop







AS350 and EC145



EC145



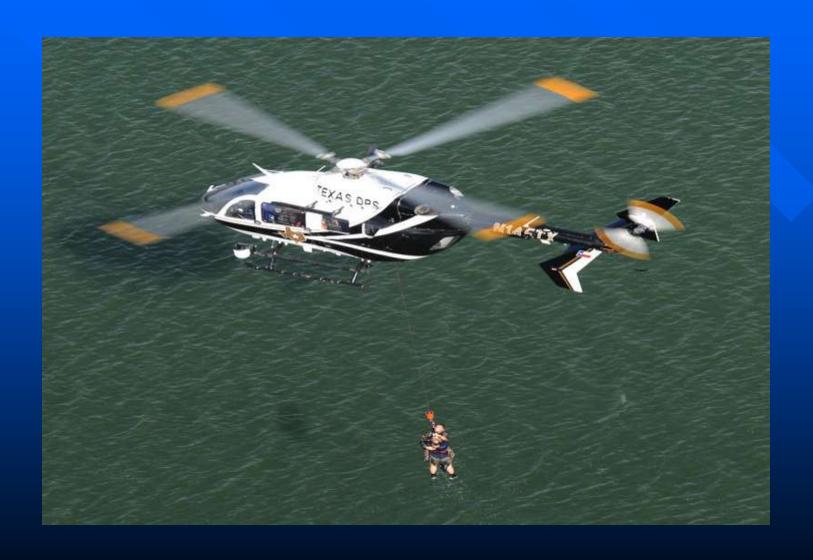
Cessna 206



TYPES OF MISSIONS

- Searches (Manhunts, Stolen Vehicles, Lost Persons, Downed Aircraft)
- Surveillance (Criminal and Traffic)
- Photo Missions
- General Transportation (Investigations, Building Inspections, Prisoner Transport, Evidence Transport, Special Teams)
- Disaster Reconnaissance (Tornado, Fire, Flood, Hurricane)
- FLIR Missions
- Water Rescues / Evacuations
- Border Security
- Aerial Gunnery

Search and Rescue



Search and Rescue





Tactical Flight Officer Jeff Evans gives the signal that a swimmer is being deployed as rescue swimmer Captain Dan Edwards jumps in to the water. Evans is a TFO with the TX DPS while Edwards is a member of the TX Army National Guard's C. Company, 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group. The men are participating in an inter-agency water rescue exercise/scenario led by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Photographed on 4 August 2009. © 2009 Greg L. Davis, Aviation









WESCAM – Thermal Camera





Day/Night Camera









Modern Cockpit



Night Pursuit



Medical Evacuations



DPS SWAT TEAM



EC-145



EC-145



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DPS SWAT





Fast Rope Insertion



Border Security Video



SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

- FLIR Systems (Wescam)
- NightSun Searchlights
- VHF, UHF AND 800 MHZ Radios
- Night Vision Goggles
- Fire Bucket
- Hoist Capability



