

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

NUMBER OF PILOTS

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

50 Pilots
16 TFO's

TEXAS DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY AIRCRAFT SECTION



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 B2



EC-145



AS350 and EC145



EC145



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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



