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## **HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKES DELIVERY OF FIRST OF 3 MD 530F HELICOPTERS**

**Mesa, Ariz., February 8, 2023** – MD Helicopters (MDH) is pleased to announce the delivery of its first of three MD 530F helicopters to the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD). The helicopter was delivered in a special ceremony at the MD Helicopters factory on Tuesday before flying to its new home in Huntington Beach, California.

“The Huntington Beach Police Department is excited to continue with the ongoing operation of MD Helicopters in our Air Support Unit,” says Eric Parra, Chief of Police for Huntington Beach. “These new helicopters will continue to ensure the finest service for police officers and citizens in the cities of Huntington Beach, Irvine, Newport Beach, and Costa Mesa.”

HBPD ordered three MD 530F helicopters to replace its aging fleet of MD 520N’s. The purchase agreement included a full fleet replacement package, which includes MDH facilitating the sale of the department’s current aircraft, offloading NOTAR specific spares as well as providing a comprehensive training program specifically tailored to the department’s pilots and technicians.

HBPD’s next two aircraft are scheduled to be delivered in March and April of this year at the rate of one a month.

Each HBPD MD 530F helicopter is custom configured with a full law enforcement package, crash resistant fuel tanks, and an advanced NVIS interior designed to enhance safety during nighttime patrol, surveillance, and tactical operations. Their upgraded glass cockpit avionics feature the Garmin G500TXi Electronic Flight Instrument System (EFIS), Howell Instruments Electronic Engine Instruments and Crew Alert Systems (EICAS), and Garmin GTN 750 Touchscreen NAV/COM/GPS.

### **About MD Helicopters**

MD Helicopters, LLC (MDH) manufactures high-performance rotorcraft solutions that support operators flying military, commercial, law enforcement, utility, and VIP mission profiles. With thousands of aircraft in service worldwide, MDH has been designing and building aircraft known for their safety, versatility, responsiveness, speed, and reliability since 1947. Our commitment to product sustainment and customer success allows MDH to deliver aircraft unmatched in their performance and reliability. MD Helicopters, LLC is owned by an investment consortium comprised of MBIA Insurance, Bardin Hill Investment Partners LP, and MB Global Partners.

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**CAPTION**

Huntington Beach Police Department MD 530F Delivery Ceremony: MD Helicopters: Jack Harris, Jason Lindauer, Brad Pedersen. Huntington Beach Police Department: Captain Bo Svendsbo, Sergeant Jerry Goodspeed, Officer/Chief Pilot Mark Wersching, Officer/Pilot Jon Deliema, Mechanic Mike Cavanaugh



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