

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Air Support Unit Receives Recognition

On Thursday 8 September 2017 the Fort Bend County (TX) Sheriff's Office Air Support Unit was honored in a small ceremony at the Sugar Land Regional Airport. Colonel Ronald Burkett Commander of the 36th Combat Air Brigade (CAB) and Chief Warrant Officer Paul Jenschke came to review the unit. LTC. Jose Reyes presented Chief Pilot Kyle Evans with a Certificate of Appreciation that said in part "You improved the morale, welfare and well-being of the Soldiers conducting rescue and recovery operations for Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey".

LTC. Reyes is the Commander of Task Force Tyrion TXARNG. Under LTC. Reyes' leadership the efforts of units from 10 states came together to help the residents of Fort Bend and surrounding counties. Under his command were approximately 156 personnel and 20 Blackhawk, Lakota and Chinook helicopters at the Sugar Land Airport. There was also medical and maintenance shops in place to keep everything working well.

LTC. Reyes said that having access to local information provided by members of the ASU was very invaluable to his aircrews. He also agreed with Evans that it was the quality, character and professionalism of the personnel present that truly made the difference. Deputies Michael Deutsch, Mark Foster and Officer Tim Edison (Sugar Land Police Department) worked tirelessly under difficult circumstances to make the operation of the TXARNG and the ASU work seamlessly.



Photo (l-r) Captain Stephens; Col Burkett, 36th CAB Commander; LTC. Reyes, Task Force Tyrion Commander (wearing Fort Bend County Patch); Deputy Kyle Evans, Chief Pilot Fort Bend County Air Support Unit (holding certificate); Deputy Michael Deutsch, Chief Tactical Flight Officer; Deputy Mark Foster, Pilot; Officer Tim Edison, Tactical Flight Officer (Sugar Land Police Dept.); Captain Hickman, Task Force Tyrion; 1SG Diaz, Task Force Tyrion; Chief Warrant Officer Jenschke, 36th CAB