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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO EXPAND AVIATION SECTION WITH NEW MD 520N

A third MD 520N, featuring MDHI's all-new Block 1 glass cockpit, will join Prince George's County Police Department fleet in Spring 2018

Mesa, Ariz., May 18, 2017 – [MD Helicopters, Inc.](#) (MDHI) is proud to announce the expansion of the Prince George's County (MD) Police Department Aviation Section to include a third (3rd) MD 520N helicopter. Headquartered in College Park, Maryland, the Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD) currently operates two (2) MD 520N helicopters, in service with PGPD since 2000.

"We are honored Lt. Cline and the PGPD have decided to expand the Aviation Unit with another MD 520N," said Craig Kitchen, Chief Commercial Officer for MD Helicopters. "This is an exceptional aircraft for law enforcement operations; especially for operators who serve a demographic and geographic region as diverse as Prince George's County."



"As an enthusiastic advocate for police aviation, I am very pleased that our agency is expanding our fleet with MD Helicopters," said Chief Hank Stawinski, Prince George's County Police Department Chief of Police. "This will allow us to expand our day-to-day capabilities and ensure the future of our aviation program."

This expansion of the Prince George's County Aviation Section is an example of the County's commitment to ensuring the safety of the more than 900,000 citizens who live, work and travel through their nearly 500 square miles of jurisdiction.

"In airborne law enforcement you cannot support the citizens of your jurisdiction and the patrol officer on the street if you cannot afford to fly," said Sargent Aaron Smith, Chief Pilot, Prince George's County Police Aviation Section. "Direct operating costs, reliability, simplicity, maneuverability, quiet technology, and most importantly, safety. All are factors we used to choose the MD 520 18-years ago, and we are choosing the right aircraft again today."

The MD 520N is one of just three helicopters – all manufactured by MD Helicopters, Inc. – that feature the exclusive NOTAR® system for anti-torque and directional control. By replacing conventional tail rotors with the NOTAR system, the margin of safety immediately increases for crew and aircraft, and the noise decreases; making it one of the quietest helicopters in its class and an exceptional choice for effective and efficient operation in highly populous urban areas as well as remote, rural locations.

Prince George's County Police Aviation Section will be the first law enforcement operator to fly the 450-shp Rolls-Royce 250-C20R/2-powered MD 520N with the new Block 1 all-glass cockpit. The cockpit features a Howell Instruments Engine Instruments Display, Garmin G500H EFIS and Garmin GTN 650 NAV/COM/GPS, as well as the Garmin GTN 635 COM/GPS.

"We are proud to be part of the Prince George's County Police Department family, and to play a growing role in their efforts to protect the communities they serve," Kitchen concludes. "We are excited to see this latest MD 520N join their decorated fleet."

MD Helicopters will deliver the new, custom-configured MD 520N to the Prince George's County Police Department, Aviation Section 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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