



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ACCEPTS DELIVERY OF BELL 407GX1

Bell and Texas DPS leadership gathered in Austin to celebrate this milestone

Austin, TX (May 28, 2026) – Bell Textron Inc., a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, announced today the delivery of the Texas Department of Public Safety’s (DPS) new [Bell 407GX1](#). This delivery comes on the heels of an announcement made during [Verticon](#) earlier this year highlighting the purchase order of the new Bell 407GX1 to Texas DPS.

“Bell is proud of the nearly 60-year relationship we have with Texas DPS, and we are excited to be here today to deliver this Bell 407GX1,” said Linda Deslatte, Bell vice president of commercial programs. “The Bell 407GX1 is a proven, reliable aircraft in use by hundreds of public safety agencies throughout the world, and I look forward to seeing this aircraft working in the skies across Texas.”

Recently celebrating 75 years headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, Bell proudly supports public safety operators across the globe. This new Bell 407GX1 will join the department’s Bell 412EP and their extensive air operations mixed fleet, serving as a great addition with advanced technology and mission-versatility.

“The addition of this aircraft to the DPS fleet will strengthen our ability to protect and serve Texas while expanding the support we can provide to our partner agencies across the state,” said Chief of the Aircraft Operations Division Stacy Holland. “This enhanced aviation capability gives DPS greater flexibility to provide critical aerial support and eyes in the sky during emergencies, law enforcement operations and large- scale public safety events.”

In 1967, Texas DPS began their helicopter operations with two Bell 47G-5, the first Bell aircraft model produced in Texas. These aircraft proved to be effective in performing manhunts, search and rescue operations, and ensuring the safety of the land across the state of Texas. In 1969, the department added five additional Bell aircraft: three Bell 206 Jet Rangers and two Bell 47G-4As. Over the years, the department went on to operate additional Bell models, including the Bell 206B, Bell 206L, and later, the Bell 412EP.

The [Bell 407GX1](#) is designed to deliver exceptional performance, reliability and versatility. Equipped with advanced avionics, safety features, cargo hooks and a spacious cabin, the aircraft is ideal for public safety operators and has been used to complete countless missions. The design highlights safety and efficiency for customers, ensuring operators can complete their operations with confidence. To learn more about how Bell’s products support public safety, firefighting and police operations across the globe, visit the [product page](#).



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