FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE
HELICOPTER DIVISION

The Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division provides tactical police aviation support, aeromedical evacuation, search and rescue, and other specialized air support as needed within Fairfax County and the National Capital Region to enhance public safety and welfare.

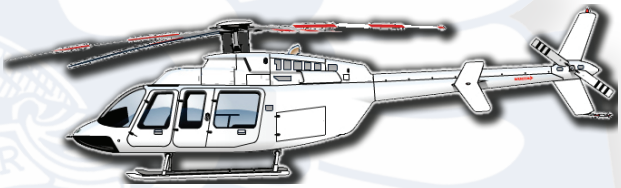
The Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division was initially formed in 1979 with the donation of an Enstrom F-28 helicopter by a local businessman. In 1983, the Helicopter Division was reformed with two Bell 206 Jet Rangers as a part-time operation based out of Dulles Airport to provide aero medical transportation, traffic reporting and airborne law enforcement capabilities to the growing metropolitan area. As operations increased, round the clock staffing ramped up with crew consisting of a Pilot, Police Officer/Paramedic and a Flight Nurse from INOVA Fairfax Hospital. In 1991, INOVA Fairfax separated from the Helicopter Division at which time the INOVA Flight Nurse was replaced with a second Police Officer/Paramedic. This is the current crew configuration with which the Helicopter Division still flies with today. In 1997, the Helicopter Division grew in to a more capable and robust helicopter, the Bell 407. In 2011, the Helicopter Division purchased its first Bell 429. The purchase of the Bell 429 makes the Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division the first multi-mission operator in the world to utilize this new airframe. Modern design characteristics of the Bell 429 allow adaptation to future mission needs, reduced/simplified maintenance as well as improved longevity/service lifetime. Some of the highlights of the Bell 429 are twin engine redundancy, military-grade sensors, night vision goggle technology and a lower noise signature which allow for safe and neighborly helicopter operations.

Mission Stats From 2000 to 2011

Missions: 31,500 Medevacs: 2661

Total Flight Hours: 15,050

Bell 206 in service from 1983 to 1997
Powered by a single 420 HP Allison Engine
Max Speed: 110 Knots



Bell 407 in service from 1997 to 2011
Powered by a single 813 HP Rolls Royce Engine
Max Speed: 120 Knots

Bell 429 in service from 2011 to Present
Powered by dual 550 HP Pratt & Whitney Engines
Max Speed: 150 Knots

The Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division is comprised of 10 Flight Officers, 6 Pilots, 2 Mechanics, and 2 Police Supervisors.

Flight Officers

•Fairfax County Police Officers
•Nationally Registered Paramedics
•Virginia State Paramedics

Pilots

•FAA Commercial/IFR Rated Pilots
•Average of 4000+ Flight hours per Pilot

Mechanics

•FAA Certified Airframe & Powerplant

Police Supervisors

•Commander - FCPD 1st LT
•Chief Flight Officer - FCPD SGT