

# Santa Barbara County Air Support Unit



# Air Support Unit Staffing Sheriff's Department

1 Sergeant: Hanger Supervisor

2 Deputy Pilots

1/2 FTE Deputy/Fire Pilot

2 Deputy Crew Chiefs

2 Mechanics

Total FTE's = 7.5

*Plus: 1 Back-Up Deputy Pilot*

*2 Back-Up Deputy Crew Chiefs*



# Air Support Unit Staffing Fire Department

## Fire Season

1.5 FTE Fire Pilots  
2 Fire Capt Crew Chiefs  
1 Mechanic

Total FTE's = 4.5

*Plus: 3 Back Up Fire  
Capt Crew Chiefs  
3 Extra Help Pilots*

## Non-Fire Season

1.5 FTE Fire Pilots  
1 Crew Chief  
1 Mechanic

Total FTE's = 3.5



# Air Support Unit Financial History

## Sheriff's Department

- FY 03/04: \$811,000
- FY 04/05: \$989,000
- FY 05/06: \$1.2 m
- FY 06/07: \$1.2 m

## Fire Department

- FY 03/04: \$607,000
- FY 04/05: \$709,000
- FY 05/06: \$863,800
- FY 06/07: \$1,058,000



# Air Support Unit Statistical Overview

## 2006 Flight Hours

Copter 1: 196

Copter 2: 219

Copter 308: 110

Copter 309: 124

Total Flights Hours: 649



# Air Support Unit Statistical Overview

## 2007 Flight Hours

Copter 1: 188

Copter 2: 226

Copter 308: 190

Copter 309: 143

Total Flights Hours: 747



# Air Support Unit Statistical Overview

Year 2006

Missions

Patrol Hours: 104

Calls for Service: 297

Search and Rescue Calls: 20

Arrest Assists: 31

Missing Persons Assists: 21

Fire Flight hours: 34

Fires Fought: 47

Water Drops Completed: 449

Vehicle Pursuits: 8

Stolen Vehicles Recovered: 5



# Air Support Unit Statistical Overview

Year 2007

Missions

Patrol Hours: 107

Calls for Service: 299

Search and Rescue Calls: 31

Arrest Assists: 26

Vehicle Pursuits: 2

Fire Flight Hours: 82

Fires Fought: 52

Water Drops Completed: 735

Missing Persons Assists: 9

Stolen Vehicles Recovered: 3





# Air Support Unit

Persons Rescued

All Unit Aircraft

- 2006: 28
- 2007: 43
- Since 1997: 273
- Evacuated 15 deceased victims
- Saved 2 Dogs and 1 Horse



# Air Support Unit

## OTHER NOTEWORTHY MISSIONS

Medical Transports:

$$2006 + 2007 = 42$$

Marijuana Plants Eradicated:

$$2006 + 2007 = 220,715$$

*(Approx. Street Value \$662,145,000)*



# Air Support Unit Future Challenges

## FUNDING

- Staffing
- Replacement of Aircraft
- Hanger/Facilities

