Bell Announces Delivery of a Bell 505 for Powerline and Pipeline Patrol

Aerial Patrol becomes one of the first U.S. companies to dedicate the use of their Bell 505 exclusively for comprehensive utility inspection

Anaheim, California (February 29, 2024) Bell Textron Inc., a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, announced at HAI Heli Expo 2024 the successful delivery of a Bell 505 to Aerial Patrol.

The powerline and pipeline utility inspection company located in Little Rock, Arkansas supports major power and energy providers across the U.S. with services including helicopter aerial surveys for utility use, aerial photography, and critical incident support.

“In 1983, the same year that Aerial Patrol was created, they chose the Bell 206 as one of their premier aircraft for utility inspection. 40 years later, Bell is proud to continue our relationship with Aerial Patrol and help them advance their utility mission needs through the advanced technologies of the Bell 505,” said Lane Evans, managing director, North America.

With its newest fleet addition, Aerial Patrol has become one of the first U.S. companies to dedicate the use of their Bell 505 exclusively for comprehensive utility inspection.

“The introduction of the Bell 505 reflects Aerial Patrol's unwavering commitment to providing our customers with one of the most technologically advanced aircraft available in the market today,” said Todd Adams, owner and chief executive officer, Aerial Patrol. “With its open cabin design offering panoramic visibility for all passengers, the Bell 505 stands as the ultimate choice for utility inspection and observation.”

Known for being one of the most versatile aircraft in the short light single class, the Bell 505’s Safran Arrius 2R engine, dual channel FADEC, and Garmin G1000H NXi avionics suite makes it well-suited for a wide array of critical safety missions, including utility use. With the added benefit of wide panoramic windows, an open cabin design, and Synthetic Vision technology, utility operators experience an elevated comprehensive look into terrain, powerlines, antennas while conducting their patrols.

To find out more about how the Bell 505 advances missions worldwide, please visit the Bell product page or visit the Bell booth (#3936) this week during HAI Heli Expo 2024.

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