BELL'S FIRST 505 FOR AERIAL POLICING WORK IN ASIA PACIFIC COMMENCES OPERATIONS

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Bell Textron announced the Aichi Prefectural Police have officially commenced aerial policing operations utilizing the Bell 505, marking a landmark moment for aviation in the Asia-Pacific region. A ceremony held at the Komaki Airport in Nagoya, Japan, celebrated the milestone, which commemorates the Bell 505 as the first aircraft of its type deployed for police operations across the Asia-Pacific.

David Sale, managing director, Asia Pacific, Bell commented: “The Aichi Prefectural Police in Japan have a long-standing history with Bell, and it is our pleasure to accomplish this new milestone together. We are grateful for their trust and support throughout the years. The Bell 505 is versatile and capable for any challenge, and we are proud to see it chosen for such a wide variety of missions.”

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The Aichi Prefectural Police is the primary law enforcement agency responsible for maintaining public safety, order, and security within Aichi Prefecture, Japan. Operating under the oversight of the National Police Agency, the force is tasked with crime prevention, traffic management, disaster response, and community policing.

This latest addition builds on a deep relationship between the Aichi Prefectural Police and Bell. The agency has relied on Bell aircraft for years, operating models such as the Bell 206 and Bell 412, and now welcomes the Bell 505 into its fleet.

The Bell 505 has established itself as a trusted platform for law enforcement and public security agencies. Combining advanced situational awareness technology with a spacious, adaptable cabin, the aircraft is well-suited to the demanding requirements of aerial policing — including surveillance, search and rescue, border patrol, and rapid deployment in emergency scenarios.

Introduced in 2014 and certified by the Federal Aviation Administrationin 2017, the Bell 505's performance, reliability, and low maintenance profile have made it an increasingly popular selection for government and security operators seeking a modern, mission-ready helicopter. There are now more than 600 Bell 505s operating in more than 66 countries on six continents, surpassing 300,000 total fleet flight hours.

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