DAHER HIGHLIGHTS THE EXPANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT CUSTOMER BASE FOR ITS KODIAK MULTI-MISSION AIRCRAFT - APSCON 2025

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Daher Aircraft presence at this month's Airborne Public Safety Association Conference and Expo showcase the rapidly growing law enforcement utilization of its Kodiak 100 and Kodiak 900 airplane family. During APSCON 2025, the company is exhibiting a fully surveillance-equipped Kodiak 900, underscoring the platform's capabilities for public safety and multi-mission aviation.

Nicolas Chabbert, CEO of the Daher Aircraft division commented: "The Kodiak's increasing utilization by law enforcement reflects a growing recognition of the airplane's exceptional capabilities for public safety – from endurance and versatility to cost-efficiency and in-the-field adaptability."

Paul Carelli, Daher Aircraft's Senior Director of Multi-Missions and Business Development for the Americas stated: "Kodiak offers capabilities that are comparable with helicopters in certain mission scenarios, especially for on-scene persistence – but with significantly lower operating costs and longer flight range. The Kodiak is a force multiplier when augmenting helicopter fleets, as well as

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when deployed as a stand-alone surveillance platform."

For the five-day APSCON 2025 event, Daher will present its Kodiak 900 multi-mission demonstrator aircraft integrated with a Trakka TC300 Gen 2 sensor and the Rapid Imaging Solutions mission system in an equipment fit that includes an advanced mission console, a retractable camera mount and a cellular digital direction-finding (DDF) system. The DDF system is capable of filtering devices by area code or user group – which is a valuable tool in search & rescue, disaster response and tactical operations.

This Kodiak 900 multi-mission demonstrator also will be part of Daher Aircraft's presence at the EAA AirVenture fly-in at Oshkosh, Wisconsin during July – where the aircraft will be available for demo flights from Appleton International Airport.

Designed for rugged performance with STOL (short takeoff and landing) capability, the Kodiak 100 and Kodiak 900 can operate from unprepared airstrips – an important advantage for rural and off-grid emergency operations.

The excellent handling qualities of these airplanes throughout their flight envelope include resistance to stalls and spins.

Among the Kodiak's other attributes are:

- Extended loiter times of up to 10 hours;
- Low operating costs;
- High electrical output to support cameras, radios, consoles, and mission avionics; and
- The spacious cabin, climate control and crew comfort for long-duration missions that typically are associated with larger twin-engine aircraft.

Daher Aircraft continues to develop its onboard mission system integration capabilities, evolving from radio and communications equipment into full-suite installations. The Missouri Highway Patrol's Kodiak 900 project marks Daher's first in-house complete integration of a Kodiak for public safety use.

Looking ahead, Daher expects law enforcement and other public safety missions to represent a growing share of the Kodiak's production output from Daher Aircraft's industrial facility in Sandpoint, Idaho. "The demand for cost-effective, high-endurance platforms is only increasing," said Carelli. "We're ready to meet this need with aircraft that are designed to adapt to real-world mission needs."

The latest Series III version of the workhorse turboprop-powered Kodiak 100 is a 10-seat unpressurized aircraft equipped with Garmin G1000 NXi avionics. Introduced in 2021, it incorporates enhancements for improved flight safety, greater cabin comfort, augmented operational capabilities from both unimproved strips and on water with floats, as well as upgraded quality and more comprehensive maintenance coverage.

Daher unveiled the Kodiak 900 version in 2022, providing a larger aircraft that inherits the Kodiak 100's off-runway/backcountry legacy and modern avionics. The Kodiak's fuselage length has been extended by 3.9 feet to provide more passenger room and cargo space in for Kodiak 900. Its cruise speed is increased to 210 KTAS, and the aircraft can carry a greater useful load while offering a maximum range of 1,129 nm.

In addition to the Kodiak airplane family, Daher Aircraft's other turboprop-powered product line –

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the fast and efficient TBM – also is expanding its multi-mission applications. The most recent development is the Conair Group's introduction of the TBM 960 version as a modern "birddog" airplane in support of wildfire air attack operations. Serving in the "birddog" role, the TBM 960 is deployed by Conair over fire zones to monitor the affected areas, assess risks, and strategize airtanker drops of water/retardant.

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