



Public Safety Aviation Accreditation Commission

ACCREDITATION UPDATES

2016 continues to be the busiest and most productive year for the Public Safety Aviation Accreditation Commission (PSAAC). In addition to the three agencies previously reported as becoming accredited, two more have joined the ranks, one of which was recently reaccredited.

We are very pleased to announce a new accreditation award to the Federal Bureau of Investigation – Field Aviation Operation and reaccreditation of the Columbus Police Division Helicopter Unit. Congratulations to both agencies. With the addition of these two agencies, five law enforcement agencies have now become accredited or reaccredited this year.

The following agencies received their accreditation awards and recognition this past July during the Airborne Law Enforcement Association's Annual Awards Ceremony which took place during their Expo in Savannah, GA:

- The California Highway Patrol – Air Operations Division
- The Orange County (CA) Sheriff's Department – Air Support Unit
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation – Tactical Helicopter Unit
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation – Field Aviation Operation
- Columbus Police Division – Helicopter Unit (Reaccreditation)

The hard work put forth by the members of each of these units over the past two years in preparing for this accreditation process was very apparent to our assessors and commissioners. These units can take great pride in knowing that they are part of a growing number of law enforcement aviation units in the country to successfully achieve accreditation.

In addition to the units that have recently become accredited, another five agencies are far along in the accreditation process. Those units include, East Bay (CA) Regional Parks District; Texas DPS (applying for both law enforcement and search and rescue (SAR) accreditation); Travis County (TX) STAR Flight our first aerial firefighting applicant that is also applying for SAR as a dual accreditation applicant; Palm Beach (FL) County Sheriff's Office and Seminole County (FL) Sheriff's Office. Noteworthy of the latter two agencies is their accreditation fees are being paid by their insurance underwriter, QBE, North America, Inc., as part of benefit offered to public safety agencies insured by QBE.

Needless to say, 2016 and 2017 will be very busy years for PSAAC.

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