

# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## Aircraft Section



# NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT

- **HELICOPTERS (15)**
- American Eurocopter  
ASTAR
- 1 x EC-145
- **AIRPLANES (8)**
- 1 Gulfstream  
Commander 1000  
Twin Engine  
Turboprop
- 1 Cessna 210 SEL
- 6 Cessna 206 SEL
- Pilatus PC-12 \*
- Kodiak \*

# NUMBER OF PILOTS

62 CREWMAN IN 15 DIFFERENT STATIONS



TEXAS DPS AIRCRAFT SECTION  
2011

# AIRCRAFT STATIONS (15)

- Austin
- Garland
- Houston
- Waco
- San Antonio
- Corpus Christi
- McAllen
- Midland
- Lubbock
- Amarillo
- El Paso
- Alpine
- Del Rio
- Laredo
- Longview



## CURRENT STATIONS

46 Pilots  
16 TFO's

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# SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

- FLIR Systems  
(Wescam)
- NightSun Searchlights
- VHF, UHF AND 800  
MHZ Radios
- Night Vision Goggles
- Water Bucket
- Hoist Capability
- Aerial Gunnery
- Downlink Capability



# Gulfstream Commander 1000 Twin Engine Turboprop



# AS350 B2



# AS 350 B3



EC-145



# Cessna 206



# TYPES OF MISSIONS

- **Searches** (Manhunts, Stolen Vehicles, Lost Persons, Downed Aircraft)
- **Surveillance** (Criminal and Traffic)
- **Photo Missions**
- **General Transportation** (Investigations, Building Inspections, Prisoner Transport, Evidence Transport, Special Teams)
- **Disaster Reconnaissance** (Tornado, Fire, Flood, Hurricane)
- **FLIR Missions**
- **Water Rescues / Evacuations**
- **Border Security**
- **Aerial Gunnery**

# Search and Rescue





Tactical Flight Officer Jeff Evans gives the signal that a swimmer is being deployed as rescue swimmer Captain Dan Edwards jumps in to the water. Evans is a TFO with the TX DPS while Edwards is a member of the TX Army National Guard's C. Company, 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group. The men are participating in an inter-agency water rescue exercise/scenario led by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Photographed on 4 August 2009. © 2009 Greg L. Davis, Aviation



**SWIM AT  
YOUR OWN  
RISK**

# WESCAM – Thermal Camera



# Day/Night Camera



# DPS SWAT TEAM



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# Fast Rope Insertion



# On Call Pilots 24/7



# Training

- 3 full time training officers
- Initial / Re-currency / NVG
- Simulator
- PIC Requirements
- Special Missions

# Maintenance

- TX Dept of Transportation
- Outside facilities
- Travis County Partners

# NTSB – DPS - ALEA





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