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## MD Helicopters Delivers Newly Converted MD 530F to San Diego Sheriff's Department

### MD 500E to MD 530F Conversion Completed in May

**Mesa, Arizona, July 13, 2010...** MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI) announced that its popular MD 500E to MD 530F helicopter conversion program has added a new member. The San Diego County Sheriff's Department's A.S.T.R.E.A (Aerial Support to Regional Enforcement Agencies) division took delivery of its freshly converted MD 530F helicopter early this month.

The helicopter, purchased new by the Sheriff's Department in 2000, arrived at MD Helicopters Mesa Service Center on March 11, 2010. Over the course of eight weeks, the 4300 hour MD 500E model underwent a series of detailed inspections and modifications in order to support certification as an MD 530F. The modifications included the installation of new blades, stabilizers and a new Rolls Royce 250-C30HU engine.

According to Lieutenant David McNary, "The decision to convert was easy for us. We already understood the performance benefits of the MD 530F having two others in our current fleet. Conversion of our E model to an F model, will allow us to perform our missions without compromise even under the most extreme hot and high conditions."

**MD 500E to 500F Conversions** - Available exclusively through the MD Helicopters factory, the E-F upgrade allows owners of MD 500E's the option of factory recertification as a new MD 530F. Over a period of just a few weeks, the MD Helicopters factory Service Center will perform airframe modifications to the latest standards, install a Rolls Royce 250-C30HU engine, complete all scheduled airframe inspections and certify the aircraft as an MD 530F. The converted aircraft's increased performance and payload will immediately expand mission capabilities.

To get more information or to schedule your visit to MD Helicopters Factory Service Center, call 480 522-5038 or 480-205-3632.

#### **About MD Helicopters, Inc.**

MD Helicopters, Inc., is a leading manufacturer of commercial and military helicopters. The MDHI family of rotorcraft is world renowned for its value, versatility and performance. The MD Helicopters family includes the twin-engine MD Explorer®, and single engine versions of the MD 600N®, MD 520N®, MD 500E® and MD 530F®. The NOTAR® system for anti-torque control is used exclusively by MD Helicopters. The Company is based in Mesa, Ariz. For more information about MDHI visit <http://www.mdhelicopters.com>.

#### **About Patriarch Partners LLC**

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