



Air Support Unit

In the Fall of 1996 the Sheriff's Office purchased two used MD500E helicopters. Each helicopter is a 1991 model. They were commissioned March 7, 1997



Eagle 1
15,725 flight hours

Eagle 2
13,646 flight hours



Missions

During the last five years the Air Support Unit has participated in:

- 74 Search and Rescue Operations
- 1137 Calls for Service Resulting in an Arrest

McDonnell Douglas 530F

- Increased power
- Greater weight capacity
- Improved performance at altitude/high temperatures
- Increased ability to perform rescues and evacuations

Funding Source

Total cost: \$3.5 million

- **\$1,400,000** Federal Asset Forfeiture special reserve
- **\$1,320,000** savings in current appropriations
- **\$ 280,000** prior year revenue received in excess of accrued revenues
- **\$ 500,000** excess Proposition 172 revenues FY15