



Air Beat Today

The Official Daily Newsletter of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association Annual Conference

Pig Pickin' Party, FLIR Vision Awards & Piano Madness Make For Memorable Night



FLIR Systems, Aero Dynamix and COBHAM proudly hosted last night's 33rd Annual Pig Pickin' Banquet, one of the largest Pig Pickin' parties ever. "What a wonderful annual event this has become, and it seems to be getting bigger and better every year. New Orleans is such a great location," said COBHAM's Mike Buttell. "It is such a honor to be able to support the men and women of ALEA."

The first place FLIR Vision Award was presented to the Houston (TX) Police Department Air Support Unit; second place to San Diego (CA) Police Air Support Unit; third place to Prince George's County (MD) Police Department; and honorable mention to Civil Police of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Fang Award was given to Hillsborough County (FL) Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit.

Today's Events:

0800-1700

Conference Classes (see Program Guide)

1100-1600

Expo Hall Open, Hall J

1200-1300

Lunch, sponsored by ALEA and Axsys Technologies/General Dynamics AIS, Exhibit Hall J

1900-2200

Friday Night Happy Hour, sponsored by American Eurocopter, at Pat O's On The River. Transportation provided from CC.

Tomorrow's Highlights:

0830-1200

Conference Classes (see Program Guide)

1030-1200

Commander's Forum, Room 286

1230-1400

ALEA Awards Luncheon, Marriott Hotel, Blaine Kern Ballroom



Immediately following the FLIR Vision Awards, everyone was invited to a "dueling piano" after-party, sponsored by MD Helicopters and Sagem Avionics, that brought members together for singing and lots of fun!



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ASU Honors Night Vision Award Winners

Aviation Specialties Unlimited (ASU) honored recipients of their night vision awards at a ceremony yesterday. "Every time the nominations came in, I am reminded of what a great industry we are in," said ASU founder and president Mike Atwood. "There are so many organizations that deserve recognition. We are thankful that we can take time to honor them with the night vision awards for their commitment to safety and night vision operations."

Alachua County (FL) Joint Aviation Unit was presented the 5-year service award. The San Diego (CA) Police Department Air Support Unit was presented both the 10-year service award and the Community Awareness Award. The Mark of Excellence Award was presented to the Fairfax County (VA) Police Department Helicopter Division.



Advancements for Aeronautical Communications

Latitude Technologies Corporation, booth 1002, is a vertically integrated manufacturer and provider of satellite telephone, tracking, and messaging avionics including broadband data services. The company's SkyNode® products are the most versatile and economical to operate aeronautical communication devices in the world chosen by government, commercial and private operators for all mission and aircraft types. Latitude provides reliable and secure communication options for crew safety, fleet logistics and maintenance programs through our WebSentinel™ fleet management platform for desktops, dispatch centers and mobile apps.

New Downlink Transmitter Displayed



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AeroComputers Displays Latest Mapping System



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