



# Air Beat Today

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



ALEA President Martin L. Jackson

## Today's Events:

### 1700-1900

Exhibitor Sneak Preview, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center (CC), Hall J

### 1900 -- 2200

Opening Reception, sponsored by Bell Helicopter-Textron, at Mardi Gras World, next door to Convention Ctr

### 2100-2400

"Torching of the Pig" Party at The Sugar Mill (across from CC)

## Tomorrow's Highlights:

### 0800-1600

Registration Desk Open

### 0900-1000

Opening Breakfast, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Room 293-296

### 1000-1045

General Membership Meeting, following breakfast in Room 293-296

### 1045-1100

Opening Ceremony & Ribbon Cutting, Convention Center, Hall J

### 1600-1800

Aviation Specialties Unlimited NVG Award Cocktail Mixer, Convention Center, Rooms 288-290

### 1800-2000

Pig Pickin' Banquet & FLIR Vision Awards at The Sugar Mill, presented by Aero Dynamix, FLIR, & COBHAM

Full details of all activities in Program Guide at registration.

## Welcome to New Orleans!

Well known for its distinct French Creole architecture and its cross cultural and multilingual heritage, New Orleans is famous for its cuisine, music (the birthplace of jazz) and its annual festivals and celebrations like Mardi Gras. The city is sometimes referred to as the "most unique" city in America. This week, it's the home of ALEA's 41st Annual Conference & Exposition.

Louisiana's largest city once again serves as a perfect host for our premier annual event. The support and hospitality experienced in 2006 left no doubt that New Orleans is the place for another successful conference and exposition. Hundreds of hours of effort go into planning and conducting an event of this magnitude. The goal of the ALEA Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, in fulfillment of our mission statement, is to provide a top-notch training and networking experience, and we believe we've succeeded once again in this year's lineup.

ALEA's Program Guide given to you at registration contains a comprehensive listing of over 150 hours of classes, meetings, briefings, workshops and social events scheduled during the next three days. Review it to ensure that you maximize your time here. Remember, the learning doesn't stop when the exhibit hall and classrooms close. Some of the best information you'll get is from the contacts you make while networking during the sponsored evening events.

*Air Beat Today*, in its ninth year of production, is your source for the latest, up-to-date exhibitor information and conference news. Daily highlights, product information and recaps of the previous day's events are all featured. So, stay informed by picking up your copy each day at the entrance to the exhibit hall.

Designed to help maximize your time with exhibitors, the technical briefings will be conducted on the exhibit hall floor. Follow your nose to the fresh popcorn and learn about the latest in public safety aviation products and services being offered. Additionally, ALEA's "lunch crawl" on Thursday and Friday in the hall, provides dedicated time to visit the 150+ companies on display.

In order to accommodate our training schedule and attendees, ALEA has returned to an Awards Luncheon, which will be held on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in the Marriott Hotel ballroom. Please join us as we honor the excellence of our peers in public safety aviation.

Should you require assistance, have any questions or have a compliment or complaint, please call on the members of your ALEA Board of Directors or staff. We will do our best to meet your expectations and ensure your satisfaction. Enjoy the conference, learn a lot and network with friends, old and new.



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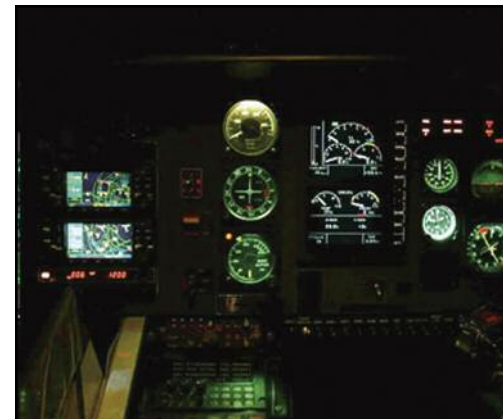
## Game-Changing Searchlight at Booth 1139



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## 5 Free Training Slots from American Eurocopter; Sign Up Now!

American Eurocopter is giving away five (5) complimentary training slots in its new Inadvertent IMC training course this week. Due to the number of helicopter accidents and fatalities that are attributable to inadvertent flight into instrument conditions, along with the recent recommendation by the NTSB to ALEA requiring IIMC recovery procedures in their accreditation standards, American Eurocopter will utilize its full-motion AS350 Flight & Mission Training Simulator to present this industry-leading course that is applicable to pilots flying any model helicopter. Stop by booth 715 now to inquire.



## Network With Organization for UAV Community



With more than 2,100 member organizations from 55 allied countries, AUVSI is the world's largest non-profit organization devoted exclusively to advancing the unmanned systems and robotics community. AUVSI is working with ALEA and other stakeholders to open the airspace and allow law enforcement and public safety

officials to routinely use unmanned aircraft. Stop by booth 634 to learn more today.

## Aftermarket Helicopter Accessories Available At DART

DART, a leading provider of STC'd aftermarket helicopter upgrades and accessories, is displaying a number of popular items at booth 235. Some of the displaying products include a Tyler Special Operations Platform with Fast Rope Unit for AS350 aircraft, a Geneva P132 Console, a Red Barn AS350, a JetRanger Tool Maintenance Kit and an AKV Engine Cycle Counter. Also on display will be an AFS FAST Bucket, DART's Aft-Facing 2x2 Seat, Shoulder Harness Kit and Cabin Door Roller Kit for Bell medium helicopters, and a crosstube/skidtube display for the AS350.



## Sikorsky 300C Model On Display

Sikorsky Aircraft manufactures the Models 333 turbine and 300C piston patrol helicopters, the 300 CBI training helicopter, and the SA 2-37B and RU-38B fixed-wing surveillance airplanes. Visit Sikorsky Aircraft's booth 929 today to see Longhorn Helicopter's S-300C, equipped with an NVG-compatible cockpit.



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## Help The Swinemasters Kick Off The Pig Pickin'

Come one, come all! FLIR Systems (located at booth 1029), along with Aero Dynamix (707) and COBHAM (1239) will be hosting the annual "Torching of the Pig" party tonight from 9 p.m. to midnight at The Sugar Mill, 1021 Convention Center Blvd., right across the street from the convention center. There will be a live band, food and raffles. The Pig Pickin' Banquet and FLIR Vision Awards will be held tomorrow from 6–8:30 p.m., also at The Sugar Mill, featuring a buffet dinner and awards ceremony. Hope to see you there! Stop by booth 1029 today to see what's new at FLIR and pick up your Pig Pickin' t-shirt.



## Bell Helicopter and Garmin Invite You To Technical Briefing



Bell Helicopter-Textron invites you to a technical briefing on the Bell 407GX and the Garmin G1000H<sup>TM</sup> glass flight deck tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. in Room 283. Hear from Bell Helicopter and Garmin experts about this new, innovative technology that sets the standard for situational awareness.

## Learn About Tactical Video System

Sierra Nevada Corporation Integrated Mission Systems delivered its first B350ER Multi-Role Enforcement Aircraft to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency. This aircraft will be deployed with a multiple sensor package and enhanced communications suite. The aircraft, which utilizes cutting edge off-the-shelf technology, is the first of its type in the U.S. law enforcement environment. SNC Tactical Communications Office will be featuring a tactical video system, TactiLink TAC-V, at booth 1220. Stop by to learn more about these products.

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