

Request Support

Submit a written request for Counterdrug Aerial Reconnaissance support on agency letterhead addressed to the Counterdrug Coordinator, LTC Erika Besser. Request must contain description of support type required, clear and direct drug nexus, date(s) of support, location and signature of an agency official.

Additional Support Capabilities

Ground Reconnaissance, Transportation Support, Communications Support, Analysis Support, Linguist / Transcription Services, Civil Operations, Training and Engineer Support.



The Texas Joint Counterdrug Task Force **detects, interdicts, and disrupts drug smuggling** and associated illicit activities at the request of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies by leveraging **unique military skills and assets** in order to support national counterdrug strategies and objectives, as well as the Texas State Plan.

DETECT INTERDICT DISRUPT



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

NG.TX.TXA.RNG.LIST.CD-CD.AE-MISSIONS@MAIL.MIL

(512) 356-7900 x7024621 or (512) 782-5513



LTC ERIKA BESSER
Coordinator

**DEDICATED SUPPORT TO
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

SINCE 1989

DETECT · INTERDICT · DISRUPT



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
HOMELAND DEFENSE
BRIDGING THE GAP



Authorized Activities

- Command and Control Platform
- HD Recording
- Law Enforcement Training
- Cannabis Detection
- Area Reconnaissance
- Radio / Communications Relay
- Southwest Border Counterdrug Operations
- Insertion and Extraction
- Controlled Delivery Transportation
- Awareness Education



Aerial Reconnaissance Mission

The Texas National Guard Joint Counterdrug Task Force **Counterdrug Aviation Element** provides aerial rotary wing support to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies involved in counterdrug investigations and operations. CDAE provides tactically and technically proficient aerial support at **no cost** to the LEA.



As threats evolve, the Texas National Guard Joint Counterdrug Program is positioned to respond to emerging threats and continue to be a key supporter of counternarcotic efforts.

On-Board Equipment

LUH-72 LAKOTA

Light twin engine helicopter capable of carrying six passengers and lifting up to 1,500 pounds of cargo

THERMAL IMAGER

Wescam MX15i thermal imager and day camera with a laser pointer / illuminator

SEARCH LIGHT

LS16 30-Million Candlepower light capable of illuminating a city block

COMMUNICATIONS

Programmable Wulfsberg radio covering all public service bands and secure key capable

OBSERVER CONSOLE

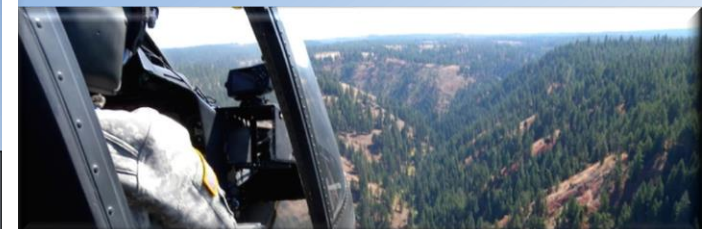
15-Inch touchscreen monitor in passenger area for agent observation

HD DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDER

Removable media capable and records more than three hours of video

DATA DOWNLINK

Capable of downlinking video to operation center or handheld receiver for real time situational awareness



DETECT INTERDICT DISRUPT