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Bell Celebrates Launch of Operations for Bell 429 Helicopters in Queensland Police Commissioning Ceremony



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RotorTech – Brisbane, Australia (6 May 2026) – Bell Textron Inc., a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, today celebrates the commissioning of three Bell 429 helicopters by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) for use in North Queensland. With a total of six Bell aircraft in their fleet, QPS operates Australia’s largest Bell law enforcement fleet, marking a significant milestone in enhancing public safety and operational capabilities across Queensland.

The addition of the Bell 429 helicopters represents a transformative step in QPS’s aviation capabilities, enabling the force to address complex challenges with greater efficiency and

precision. These state-of-the-art aircraft will be deployed for patrolling and supporting on-ground policing efforts across the state, further strengthening QPS's ability to serve and protect its communities.

Advanced Technology for Public Safety

The newly commissioned Bell 429 helicopters are equipped with cutting-edge safety features, high-resolution cameras, and night vision capabilities. These advancements significantly enhance QPS's aerial capabilities, ensuring effective responses to critical incidents, improved surveillance, and seamless support for ground operations.

"The Bell 429 is more than just an aircraft; it is a symbol of innovation and reliability," said Daniel McQuestin, Bell's business development director, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Rim. "Together with QPS, we are advancing aviation technology while strengthening and increasing trust and collaboration, ensuring communities are protected and served with excellence. The Bell 429 is a proven platform that delivers unmatched performance, reliability, and versatility, making it an ideal choice for public safety operations. We are proud to support QPS in their dedication to enhancing operational capabilities and safeguarding the people of Queensland."

QPS POLAIR's Proven Impact with Bell 429

Recent QPS POLAIR helicopter statistics reveal that the introduction of Bell helicopters has significantly bolstered its air capabilities, enhancing police operations and delivering measurable results for Townsville since October 1, 2024:

- Responded to 1,672 calls for service
- First QPS asset on scene for 825 jobs
- Assisted with 24 searches for vulnerable or missing persons
- Assisted with the arrest of 601 offenders, including 225 young offenders
- Attended 292 serious domestic violence incidents as a first response capability and involved in containing or locating 175 respondents
- Responded to 264 stolen vehicle jobs and recovered 130 stolen vehicles

Bell remains dedicated to providing world-class support and services to ensure the continued success of operators' critical missions worldwide. The Bell 429 continues to set the standard for public safety operations globally, offering tailored solutions to meet the unique needs of law enforcement agencies.

To learn more about Bell 429 and its capabilities, visit the [Bell product page](#).

About Bell

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Thinking above and beyond is what we do. For more than 90 years, we've been reimagining the experience of flight – and where it can take us.

We're an aerospace and defense company that engineers and manufactures aircraft for critical solutions in extreme scenarios. We're breaking barriers in lifting people to safety across transportation, medical, rescue and military services, and leading the industry in future solutions that are fast, reliable and efficient.

Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas – as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Textron Inc., – we have strategic locations around the globe. And with nearly one quarter of our workforce having served, helping our military achieve their missions is a passion of ours. Above all, our breakthrough innovations deliver exceptional experiences to our customers. Efficiently. Reliably. And always, with safety at the forefront.

About Textron Inc.

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