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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE AIRBORNE
LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, aircraft operated by law enforcement agencies play a vital role in supporting police operations, including: search and rescue; medical evacuation; prisoner transportation, etc.;

WHEREAS, government owned aircraft are generally not regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration which has resulted in a disparity in the safety and efficiency of operations;

WHEREAS, accreditation programs can improve the safety and delivery of services by maintaining a body of standards developed by highly experienced police aviation practitioners;

WHEREAS, the Airborne Law Enforcement Association recognized the need to improve safety and efficiency and created the Airborne Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission;

WHEREAS, the Special Operations Committee of the National Sheriffs' Association also recognizes the need to improve the level of safety and efficiency of law enforcement aviation and encourages the process to develop the comprehensive standards and accreditation process that will ultimately recognize professional aviation excellence;

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association has a long history of supporting law enforcement accreditation dating back to the creation of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Sheriffs' Association supports the Airborne Law Enforcement Association for their effort to establish an accreditation program and encourages law enforcement agencies that operate aircraft to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet the established set of professional standards.

Adopted at a Meeting of the General Membership in Anaheim, CA on June 29, 2010.