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Utah Army Guard Adds New Lakota Helicopters to Its Inventory to Assist with Statewide Response Capability

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah Army National Guard will accept delivery of two new UH-72 Lakota helicopters Monday, July 29, at 2 p.m. at the Utah Army Aviation Facility in West Jordan.

The two Lakotas will arrive by air, accompanied by two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters of the Utah Army Guard's 2-211th Aviation. Lakota crews are returning from six weeks of training in Huntsville, Ala. Pilots and crew will be available for media interviews upon landing in West Jordan.

The Lakota, manufactured by American Eurocopter at a cost of \$8.2 million, will enhance the Utah National Guard's role in homeland defense and will be assigned to Detachment 2, Bravo Company, 1-112th Aviation. The aircraft features a crew of three (pilot, copilot, crew chief), and can accommodate up to 11 passengers, including crew.

The capabilities and maneuverability of the Lakota make it an ideal aerial platform to assist federal, state, and local authorities with natural-disaster and civil-emergency response within the United States. It can be configured for search and rescue, aerial observation, command and control, or medevac in support of these missions.

Media Notes: The Utah Army National Guard Aviation Facility is located at 7602 S. Airport Road in West Jordan. Recommended arrival time for media is 1:30 p.m. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778.