



PRESERVING OUR LEGACY **100 YEARS OF CDF** PROTECTING OUR FUTURE

UH-1H SUPER HUEY HELICOPTER

MANUFACTURER

Bell Helicopters, Fort Worth, Texas

ORIGINAL OWNER

U.S. Army, 1963 to 1975. The UH-1H was used as a troop and cargo transport and specialized operations.

ACQUIRED BY CDF

In 1981, CDF acquired 12 helicopters from the Department of Defense. They were heavily modified by CDF for fire fighting use and went into service in 1989. CDF has nine helicopters available statewide for the 2005 Fire Season.

MISSION

CDF uses the Super Hueys for fast initial attack on wildfires. The copters are able to quickly deliver a nine-person fire crew wherever needed as well as battle fires with water/foam drops. The copters are also used for medical evacuations, backfiring operations on wildland fires, to ignite prescribed burns using either a helitorch or a ping-pong ball machine - Chemical Ignition Device System (CIDS), cargo transport (internal and external loads), re-seeding operations, infra-red mapping of incidents, and numerous non-fire emergency missions. Since 1997, CDF helicopter crews have been trained to do "short haul" rescues. Short haul involves a crew member being lowered from a hovering helicopter to an injured or trapped person below. Once hooked to a harness or basket, both the victim and crew member are then carried a short distance to safety.

CREW

One pilot, two fire captains, and eight firefighters.

PAYLOAD

Bucket operations - 324 gallons of water/foam.

Fixed tank - 360 gallons of water/foam with pilot controlled drop volumes.

SPECIFICATIONS

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| Gross Weight: | 10,500 pounds |
| Cruise Speed: | 126 mph |
| Range: | 250 miles |
| Endurance: | 2 hours |
| Rotor Diameter: | 48 feet |
| Engines: | Turbine Lycoming T-53-703 derated from 1800 HP |



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