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## **Philippine National Police Chooses R44s for Training**

**Torrance, CA** — On July 25<sup>th</sup> Robinson Helicopter Company delivered two R44 Raven IIs to the Philippine National Police (PNP). The aircraft were purchased through Robinson's longtime dealer Lionair Inc. (Manila, Philippines), marking the first acquisition of Robinson helicopters by the Philippine government.

The PNP is the armed civilian national police force tasked with law enforcement throughout the Southeast Asian country's 7,000+ islands. The acquisition is part of an overall effort by the government to strengthen and expand its law enforcement.

Upon their arrival in Manila, the R44s will be turned over to the Special Action Force Aviation Unit (SAF-AU) to be used for training. Police Lt. Colonel Ruel Zalatar, Chief of PNP-SAF-AU, who has logged significant time in various rotorcraft, believes the R44 is well suited for training and enhancing police-related skills namely surveillance, patrol, and aerial reconnaissance. The R44's ease of maintenance and low operating costs allows more pilots to receive additional training before moving up to the fleet's higher category rotorcraft.

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