# **Modernizing Coast Guard Aviation**

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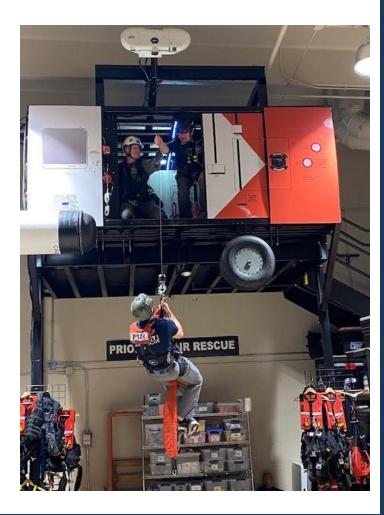




### **Recent Efforts and Milestones**

- Innovative Training
- Fielding New Capability
- Upgrading Assets





## Training

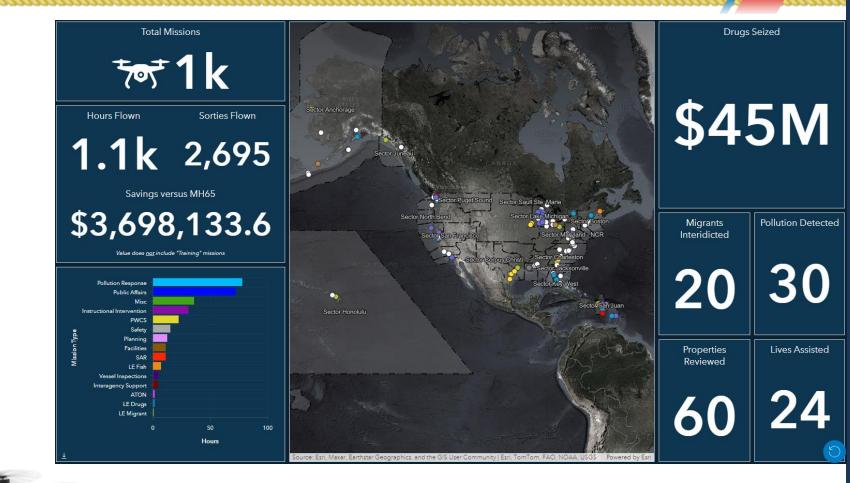
- Helicopter Hoist Operator Training
  - Historically on-the-job training in aircraft, 4-9 months to complete
  - Commercial vendor provides 2 week ground training and hoist simulations
  - Hoist simulation includes H-60/H65 cabin mock up
  - Flight Mechanic syllabus aircraft events reduced by over 50%

#### • Flight School Updates

- Normal path: primary in fixed wing aircraft to advanced in rotary wing aircraft
- Average student time to train was as high as 2.5 years
- CG partnered with DoD on 3 initiatives to produce rotary wing pilots in 12-15 months
  - (US Navy) COPT-R Contractor Operated Pilot Training Rotary.
  - (US Navy) CORPS Copter Only Replacement Pilot Solution.
  - (US Air Force) UHT Undergraduate Helicopter Training.

## New Capability - Short Range UAS

- 209 total SR-UAS fielded
- 60 units with SR-UAS
- 425 pilots trained
- Capability supports all mission sets
- Developed ARCGIS dashboard for metrics



## Avionics Upgrades

- Operational fleet fully upgraded to HC-144B in January 2024
  - Incorporated Minotaur System into aircraft
    - Integrates all aircraft sensor data into one system for optimized detection capability
  - Navigation updates
    - Aircraft capable of flying GPS approaches to lower minimums
- Operational fleet fully upgraded to MH-65E in March 2024
  - CAAS Common Avionics Architecture System
  - AFCS Automatic Flight Control System
  - New weather radar
  - GPS/RNAV approach capability

