

National Police Air Service Document



Why do police forces need air support?

Police air support plays a key role in tackling crime and protecting the public:

- Searching for suspects or missing persons
- Reconnaissance ahead of planned operations
- Supporting public order operations, including live feeds of video to commanders on the ground
- Assisting with vehicle pursuits

Different models of the NPAS Airbus Helicopters - EC145

NPAS 61 - Anyone can go out as this and can patrol the **SOUTHERN** side of London, and can be collected from **SHANK STREET**.

NPAS 62 - Anyone can go out as this one as well and they patrol the **NORTHERN** side of London, this Airbus Helicopter can be collected from **HACKNEY AIRFIELD**.

NPAS 63 - This helicopter can be lifted from the request of **COMMAND** and they can patrol the **WHOLE** of London, this helicopter can also be collected from **SHANK STREET**.

Aircraft Operational Performance and Endurance

The operational specifics significantly influence the aircraft's performance. While helicopters can travel faster, they typically cruise between **135-150 mph (speed)**. This speed depends on the operation type and the equipment onboard. Fuel consumption also varies with the nature of the flight; for instance, hovering on a hot summer day uses more fuel than slow orbits. Each helicopter has a maximum endurance of approximately two hours. In contrast, airplanes can stay airborne for twice as long and have been known to remain operational for over eight hours. The aircraft can fly at altitudes ranging from a **minimum of 400 feet** to a **maximum of 700 feet**. *[For reference the FIB Headquarters is 750 ft]*

Roles of the driver

When you are flying as NPAS, you can only lift if there is 2 people within the aircraft.

The NPAS helicopter pilot has several key duties to support police missions and ensure safe flights:

- Perform pre-flight checks
- Fly according to regulations
- Navigate to specific locations
- Provide aerial support and surveillance
- Communicate with ground units and air traffic control
- Ensure safety for crew and passengers
- Conduct post-flight checks
- Complete necessary paperwork
- Stay updated on rules and protocols

These tasks help the helicopter operate effectively and support police work from the air.

Roles of the operator

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The roles of an NPAS operator typically include:

- Pilot helicopters or planes for police operations.
- Use cameras and sensors to monitor suspects and events from the air.
- Support ground police in pursuits, searches, and emergencies.
- Respond quickly to emergencies like crimes and accidents.
- Assist in finding missing people in difficult terrain.
- Patrol to deter crime and aid in apprehending suspects.
- Continuously train to maintain flying and operational skills.
- Coordinate with ground teams and emergency services for effective response.

Overall, NPAS operators play a crucial role in supporting law enforcement agencies by providing aerial capabilities that enhance public safety, operational effectiveness, and emergency response capabilities.

Disciplinary Actions

When participating in the NPAS program, it is critical to maintain professionalism and adhere to the established guidelines and protocols. If individuals engage in misconduct or exhibit behavior that undermines the integrity and objectives of NPAS, their role in the program may be at risk. Maintaining the highest standards of conduct and professionalism is essential for the success and credibility of NPAS. Individuals who fail to uphold these standards may find their role in the program terminated to preserve its integrity and effectiveness.

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