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# Press Release

## **Byron Police Announce AIR-ONE Search & Rescue Helicopter *Press Conference scheduled for November 21, 2007***

Byron, IL. On Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 10:00 am, the **Byron Police Department**, in cooperation with the **Law Enforcement Aviation Coalition (LEAC)**, will host a news conference to announce the introduction of helicopter air support services to the area.

The news conference will be held at the PrairieView Golf Club, located at Route 72 and German Church Road, Byron, Illinois 61010.

On display will be a newly refurbished Bell OH-58C helicopter ("AIR-ONE"), which was obtained through the *Illinois Law Enforcement Support Office* (who is responsible for the transfer of surplus Department of Defense property to federal and state law enforcement agencies). The refurbishment and equipping of the helicopter was made possible by funds received from a variety of sources, including the *Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)* and Winnebago County, in addition to assistance by Congressman Manzullo, who will also be on hand at the news conference.

AIR-ONE flight crew members, who volunteer their time to LEAC, will be available to answer questions.

The Law Enforcement Aviation Coalition, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization which operates solely on grants and donations, provides air support for search & rescue, law enforcement, fire service and counter-terrorism missions throughout the region. There is no charge to the requesting agency for this service.

Additional information about LEAC and the AIR-ONE program can be found on-line at [www.airsupport.org](http://www.airsupport.org), or by contacting Michael Sheedy, Director of Community Relations, at (847) 561-6815.

Additional information about the Byron Police Department can be found on the City's web site – [www.cityofbyron.com](http://www.cityofbyron.com) or by calling (815) 234-5072.

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