



# H.A.P. HELICOPTER ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Providing insight, awareness, and proactive solutions to ERHC members on the increasing spectrum of issues confronting the helicopter industry across the New York metropolitan area.

# H.A.P.P. THEN:

- Initially formed as the Heliport & Airspace Protection Program in 1998 in response to closing the 60<sup>th</sup> Street Heliport in 1998.
- Directly responsible for all community outreach surrounding noise abatement, Fly Neighborly programs throughout NYC & Long Island, interfacing with FAA TFRs, UNGA & airspace issues, and defending the continuing operations at W30th Street beyond 2014.

# H.A.P. NOW: INCREASING & IMMEDIATE CONCERNS

- Continuing all efforts that have existed before now- especially those related to the NYC heliport structure.
- Monitoring & attending to Local, State, & Federal regulations aimed at helicopter industry: City Council/NJ efforts to restrict helicopter traffic in NY harbor; Privatization of FAA ATC & airport access; airport restrictions/bans; additional mandatory VFR helicopter routes.



# H.A.P. LEANING FORWARD

- Continuing UNGA/POTUS interface with FAA & TSA
- Distributing detailed TFR explanations
- Coordinating Helicopter Emergency Response Plan
- Participating members in PALs (patient airlift services)
- Weather Alerting Services
- Restoring South Capitol Street & assisting establishment of Boston Public Use Heliport

# H.A.P.

- Supported entirely by voluntary donations to support expenses of approximately \$250k **by fewer than 12 donors**. Unsustainable without increasing awareness and financial support.
- Contributions may be annual, quarterly, monthly, or invoiced by ERHC on a per landing basis.