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**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD**

**Washington, D.C.**

CareFlite: Communications in the Metroplex

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# Communications in the Metroplex



# Objectives

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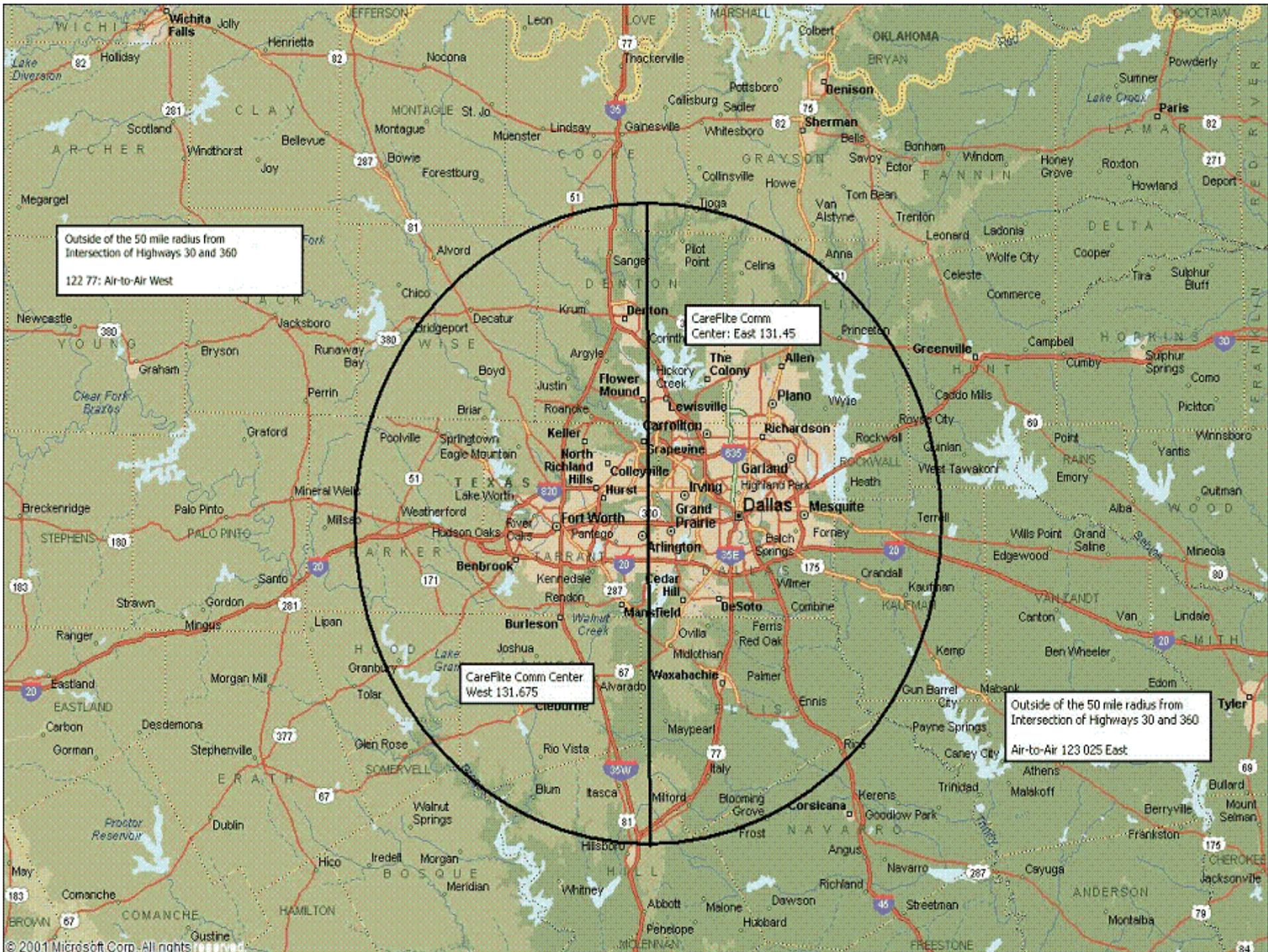
# History

- The first NTHEMS meeting addressed communications and the use of CareFlite Operations Center as a UNICOM.
- There was much discussion surrounding 123.025 and 122.77 being “busy” frequencies.
- CareFlite offered our ARINC frequencies for air to air traffic because the operators ALREADY agreed to call inbound to all METROPLEX Pads. It made sense for HEMS.



## Where are we now?

- Within 50 miles of Maverick, using HWY 360 as a dividing line, Fort Worth ARINC (131.675) on the west side and Dallas ARINC (131.45) on the East side.
- Outside 50 miles of Maverick, using HWY 360 as the dividing line, 122.77 on the west and 123.025 on the east.
- All aircraft coming into a helipad within the Metroplex calls into CareFlite.



Outside of the 50 mile radius from  
Intersection of Highways 30 and 360  
122 77: Air-to-Air West

CareFlite Comm  
Center: East 131.45

CareFlite Comm Center  
West 131.675

Outside of the 50 mile radius from  
Intersection of Highways 30 and 360  
Air-to-Air 123 025 East



# What does CareFlite provide?

- UNICOM
  - Coordination of multiple aircraft to helipads at hospitals
  - Weather
  - NOTAMS
  - TFR's



# What can the North Texas Air Medical Operators group provide?

- A central location for hospital helipad procedures and notams
- List of local frequencies
- We can provide a forum for all parties using the Metroplex airspace @
- - [www.northtexasairmedical.com](http://www.northtexasairmedical.com)



# Why do we ask what we ask?

- All of these measures are in place to make flying into and out of the Metroplex safer for all HEMS operators.
  - Improving coordination at busy hospital pads.
  - Improving communications among operators flying in close proximity to each other.



# What is next?

- What can we do for you?



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## Where next?

- Should we all use 122.77 and 123.025 for air to air traffic?
- Continue to use CareFlite's ARINC frequencies to call inbound to pads?