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CareFlite: 11th North Texas Air Medical Operators Group
Safety Meeting

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11th North Texas Air Medical Operators Group Safety Meeting.

August 22nd, 2008
10:00 – 12:30
Bell Helicopter Flight Training Academy
13901 Aviator Way
Alliance, Texas 76177

Facilitator: Ray Dauphinais
Guy del Giudice

Note taker: Ruby
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RSVP List:

American Eurocopter
Baylor Department of Public Safety
CareFlite
Dallas Children's Medical Center
Dallas Love Air Traffic Control Tower/FAA
Dallas Police Department
DFW ATCT
DFW Tracon

FAA Rotorcraft Directorate

Heli Inc.

KTVT

Medevac 3

Mediflight Okla/Air Methods

Methodist Dallas Medical Center

Metro Aviation

NBC Channel 5

NTSB

Parkland Health & Hospital System

PHI Air Medical

Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas

San Antonio Airlife

Teddy Bear Air

Texas Health Resources

Texas National Guard

WFAA TV – Channel 8 News

Air Evac

***Ray Dauphinais Introductions

Welcome Everyone!

Read listing of attending groups above.

At this meeting we are very well represented by operators to include EMS,ALEA,ENG,Flight Training, TAAMS and also here are the concerned parties from FAA,NTSB,ATC and even the National Guard is represented. This is a perfect display of the the seriousness of the proposition (Safety of Flight in and around the Metroplex) also it demonstrates great cooperation among the different groups and their willingness to work hard to achieve the common goal.

CareFlite has a short presentation from the Operations Center. This presentation depicts what is currently being done in the Metroplex. When the North Texas Air Medical Operators Group was formed over 2 years ago, the common goal of the group after the first meeting was to improve the communication between all parties operating within the metroplex area. This goal had 2 objectives primary.

1. Have all operators talking on common frequency when inbound or outbound of a helipad
2. Provide a system of notifying operators when flights are turned down for weather.Use of (weatherturndown.com) was the evolution of that agreement

Before we get to the presentation and New Business I would like to take care of some Old Business first to Close the loop on some items if possible.

Old Business:

JPS helipad operations-

- 1) 1 aircraft on new pad at a time. Drop off and reposition to lower pad if need to shut down for extended period. Stay in communication with CareFlite Operations Center for any other landing advisories or JPS security.
- 2) Fire system is complete and operational
- 3) L & D for JPS goes directly to secondary pad

Ft. Worth Hospital District Noise Complaints-

- 1) Seemed to have been resolved since last meeting, no further contacts from the home owner that was initiating the complaints (Good Job Group!) Thanks for "Flying Neighborly".

Waco Providence- (no action taken since last meeting)

I have not received anything further from Waco Providence concerning their Helipad chain link fence that surrounds their raised helipad (Bob Voss, do you have anything updated to add?)

Bridgeport Doctors Hospital- Helipad is completed, Awaiting the hospital grand opening for operation. Contact Jim Cowell, Plant Operations Director (I will place the contact # on the meeting minutes @ our webpage.

Website upgrades to include Photos similar to EuroSafety web page previously. (Bob Voss, noted that there would be benefit in having the photos of "exotic" or less frequently used helipad locations for pilots to reference prior to taking a flight. (This item is still under construction) any aerial photos would be appreciated.

WeatherTurndown.com site is active and useful.

Breckenridge Hospital helipad (Church of Christ) owns the pad area. ? Any improvements there? I had forwarded a list to include this pad and Waco Providence to Ben Guttery at the FAA and he is working with those facilities reportedly.

Cooks Helipad Lighting- is the pilot operated lighting still only effective from ground level? any improvements?

New Business- To Include: Helipad Safety, Communications

Arlington memorial-

**Helipad is reopened
planning for a new alternate landing zone at ground level.**

Childrens Legacy Hospital-

Pad to open soon,

- 1) Contact Laney St. Clair (EMS liason) @ 972-322-1772 or 214-456-7308
- 2) We are waiting for some information packets depicting the landing zone and procedures to operate there.

(address will be included in the meeting minutes)

Local Area communications; How can the Helicopter operators in North Texas work together to ensure that an accident does not happen to us. What steps can be taken?

- 1) Communication will be Key.

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.- Joe Lopalo
Training manager @CareFlite Operations Center)

CareFlite requests Helipad operators look at Internet Camera's for their Helipads that Operations Centers can Access to determine if helipad is clear, aircraft have arrived or departed. (any thoughts from the group, specifically any helipad owners). Coordination for video access to existing surveillance will be conducted by Mark Davis @ CareFlite IT.

Anyone from the group want to add anything (discussion?)

TAAMS- Texas Association of Air Medical Service

Shawn Salter-Chief flight nurse & Director of Clinical Operations for San Antonio Air Life.

Will present: a brief overview of the TAAMS MOU for HEMS Air to Air communication and coordination plan

Nico Bowersock- **Texas National Guard:** Nico will present a brief overview of their local area operations to the group. This will give all the operators some insight into the operations performed by the Guard units in our airspace.

Flight Training Organizations- any input would be appreciated about their primary areas of operations, altitudes and hours of operation in and around metroplex airspace.

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Bell helicopter

Eurocopter

others

Helipad operators- Hospitals, any comments or concerns from this group?

NTSB or FAA Comments concerning the Accident rate in EMS, ENG or general aviation? anything to present?

Adjourn- Thank You

