

		<p>MUKWONAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>OPERATING PROCEDURES</p>	
Flight for Life		Approved by: Chief Jeffrey A. Rolfe	
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PURPOSE: To establish procedures for maximizing fire fighters and EMS personnel safety when Flight for Life is called.

SCOPE: This procedure is to be followed by all officers and members of this department. Authority to deviate from this procedure rests with the officer in charge of the incident who will be responsible for the results of any deviations.

Note: patient care shall not be compromised by waiting for FFL to respond. If FFL is called and the crew decides to transport via ambulance then FFL shall be cancelled.

A. DEFINITIONS

1. Landing Zone
 - (a) Landing Zone will be referred to as LZ throughout this SOG.

B. ON SCENE

1. Officer in charge shall contact dispatch to notify Flight for Life after conferring with EMS. An estimated time of arrival to the scene should be requested.
2. Landing zone of 150 feet in diameter, clear of wire, trees, emergency vehicles, and other easily moved objects.
3. Four (4) corners around the perimeter of the landing zone shall be marked with the appropriate lighting as follows:
 - large traffic cones (day only)
 - handlights/headlights pointing towards center of LZ (night)
 - flares that are anchored or secured (night)
4. Crowds must be kept a minimum of 500 feet from the aircraft at all times.

C. CRITERIA FOR CALLING FLIGHT FOR LIFE

1. MVC with delayed extrication more than 20minutes
2. Multiple patients needing ALS care
3. Falls more than 3 times the patients height
4. Severe burns to patient

D. LANDING OF AIRCRAFT

1. Be prepared to give the pilot directions and any obstructions near LZ. Flight for Life will usually contact the LZ on 800 mhz. Flight for Life channel. Officer in charge may direct the pilot to another frequency if needed.
2. Advise personnel of imminent landing of the aircraft.

E. LANDED AIRCRAFT

1. Never approach the aircraft unless signaled to do so by a member of the Flight for Life crew. Always approach the aircraft from the front.
**** At no time is anyone permitted near the tail of the helicopter. ****
2. Never approach the aircraft when the blades are in motion unless directed by Flight for Life Crew.
3. Do not assist crew members in the opening or closing of the doors of the aircraft.
4. The Flight for Life crew is responsible for the unloading and loading of equipment.
5. The Flight for Life crew will direct the loading of the patient into the aircraft.

Chief of Department