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CAREFLITE'S NEWSLETTER



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BALCH SPRINGS 911/EMS CONTRACT EXTENDED THROUGH 2013...



The Balch Springs City Council approved a two year extension of their agreement with CareFlite to provide 911/EMS services. Over the past two years, CareFlite has saved the City more than \$100,000 compared to their provider and doubled the number of ambulances based in the city. This has resulted in a very high compliance with the response standards in the contract. CareFlite currently dispatches the Balch Springs Fire Department on all of its EMS calls and has agreed to provide dispatch for all calls effective 1/1/12.

In addition to Balch Springs (located in Southeast Dallas County) CareFlite currently provides 911/EMS services in Ellis County (ESD #5), Hill County (ESD #2) and Johnson County.

Celebrate EMS Week With CareFlite Next Year...

**The 2012 CareFlite ECU Conference Will Be May 21st & 22nd
Arlington Convention Center  Registration at www.careflite.org**

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CAREFLITE IN HILLSBORO 4TH OF JULY PARADE...



CareFlite took part in many Independence Day celebrations in the region including the parade in Hillsboro.

GRAND PRAIRIE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE (AND CAREFLITE MEMBER) TRANSPORTED BY AIRLIFE (SAN ANTONIO) AND THEN BROUGHT HOME BY CAREFLITE FIXED WING...



Grand Prairie Fire Fighter Jason Payne was in South Texas when an emergency situation required his transport to a trauma center. He was flown by San Antonio AirLife... which honored his Caring-Heart Membership. He is pictured above with the San Antonio Fire Department crew that brought him from the trauma center to the San Antonio Airport where he was flown home to Grand Prairie by CareFlite's fixed wing crew shown above. CareFlite's fixed wing aircraft is shown in the background. Both transports were covered by his Caring-Heart Membership. CareFlite's Membership is honored by San Antonio AirLife and Corpus Christi Halo Flight. Protect your family and finances by joining the Caring-Heart Membership Program at www.careflite.org .

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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT CAREFLITE'S GRANBURY AIRPORT BASE...



Life Scout Chandler Chiappe painted CareFlite's helipad in Granbury as his Eagle Scout project. The results are wonderful.



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RIO VISTA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS HONORED...



CareFlite CEO & President James C. Swartz, left, joins Johnson County Commissioner Rick Bailey, right, in presenting Great First Responder Awards to several members of the Rio Vista Volunteer Fire Department. From left are Swartz; Rick Cumins, RVVFD president; Will McKenna, firefighter; Kathryn McKenna, firefighter; Delilah McKenna; Gail Hutchinson, RVVFD chief; and Bailey. Cumins accepted the award posthumously for Charles Ray Fowler, who served the department for over 50 years.

The Great First Responders Award program is sponsored by the DFW Hospital Council and CareFlite. It recognizes outstanding Fire Responders and those who support fire response programs. Over 350 Great First Responder Awards have been presented since the program began in 2007.

HAMM CREEK PARK HELIPAD RIBBON CUTTING



On April 30th, Johnson County Commissioner Rick Baily cut the ribbon opening the new helipad at Hamm Creek Park in southern Johnson County. Hamm Creek Park is located approximately 8 miles west of Rio Vista. The Park is the only public access to the beautiful Brazos River in Johnson County. Situated below high wooded hills, this wilderness environment is home to fox, deer, turkey, armadillo, various species of birds, and fish such as bass and crappie. Limestone bluffs on one side of the river form a natural windbreak for river skiing. Fishing is great, from the bank of the river or in a boat. With picnic shelters, primitive and RV camp sites, playgrounds, clean restrooms and other amenities, Hamm Creek Park is a great place to enjoy the outdoors.

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CAREFLITE'S MOUNTED TEAM PROVIDED STANDBY MEDICAL SERVICE FOR THE NATIONAL CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION'S SUMMER CUTTING SPECTACULAR WORTH



Held at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth, the Cutting Spectacular draws riders from across the country. CareFlite's Mounted Team was there to deal with any accidents or medical problems.

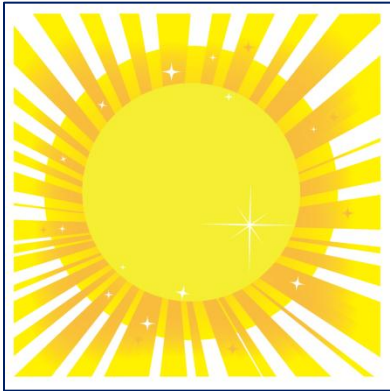


*The Kids will be back in school, the temperatures will be cooler...
CareFlite's Golf Tournament in Flower Mound on 10/6/11 at Tour 18
Registration at www.careflite.org*

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SUMMER HEALTH TOPIC... PROTECTING YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM UV RAYS



July is UV Safety Month.

You should focus on some safety tips for the eyes, which sometimes may be overlooked but can be greatly affected by the sun.

According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, long-term exposure to UV rays can be linked to many eye disorders such as age-related macular degeneration and cataracts. Ways to prevent eye damage from ultraviolet radiation are shown below:

- 1) Be aware that rays can be reflected off sand, snow or pavement and can damage your eyes.
- 2) Wear sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat.
- 3) Buy sunglasses that block 99 to 100 percent of UVA and UVB rays. It doesn't matter how dark the lens is or if it's a more expensive brand.
- 4) Wear swimming goggles to protect your eyes from chlorine (this is just general summer eye protection). Also, remember that bacteria can get under contact lenses and cause an inflamed cornea.
- 5) Put sunglasses on whenever you're outside.

Don't forget the kids:

Everyone is at risk, including children. Protect their eyes with hats and sunglasses. In addition, try to keep children out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., when the sun's UV rays are the strongest. More interesting facts to know:

- 1) UVC rays are the most harmful and are usually blocked by the ozone layer; however, it is being depleted and could let these in, causing more eye and skin damage.
- 2) HEV rays aren't as harmful as UV rays but can cause retinal damage in some cases.
- 3) UV rays are worse the closer you get to the equator.
- 4) UV rays are worse at higher altitudes.
- 5) UV rays are usually worse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 5) UV rays are worse when you are surrounded by reflective surfaces.
- 6) Some medications can increase sensitivity to UV rays.
- 7) No matter your skin and eye color, UV rays can affect you the same.
- 8) Wear sunglasses, even in the shade, and during winter (around snow).
- 9) Even if your contact lenses have protection against UV rays, wear sunglasses to protect the full eye.

To help your kids have fun while protecting them from the sun, the Heart Shop offers inexpensive sun glasses in orange and blue (of course).



Just \$4.99 per pair at CareFlite's Heart Shop at www.careflite.org

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New Item for Summer

CareFlite Items Available for Purchase...



Medical Bracelets \$10 each



Silicone Bracelets – Free



Orange Dog Tags \$2 each/3 for \$5



CareFlite Bears
\$9.99 each or 2 for \$15



Short Sleeve T Shirts (shown front & back)
\$9.99 in Medium, Large, XL, 2XL



Orange or Blue Sunglasses \$4.99 each



Stuffed CareFlite Helicopter \$14.99 each.



Stuffed CareFlite Ambulance \$14.99



2011-2012 Calendar Mousepad



Cloth Tote Bag \$4.99 each



Coffee Mug Est.1979 \$4.99



Blue Helicopter Hat \$9.99

Order these items and more at

<http://www.careflite.org/heartshop.aspx> or call (877) 339-2273

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