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CareFlite Press Release



CareFlite transports trauma patient from Valley Mills, Schedules FRO Training

CareFlite responded from its Whitney Air Base to a vehicle rollover in Valley Mills at FM 56 and CR 3350 on Friday afternoon. From the time the call was received at CareFlite Communications until the patient was delivered to the Trauma Center in Waco at Hillcrest Medical Center was just 36 minutes, well within the Golden Hour. (The Golden Hour refers to the national effort to get all trauma patients to a Level 1 or 2 Trauma Center in less than 60 minutes.) Help from the First Responders was also a key factor in helping to expedite the transport. The efficiency and urgency of CareFlite's air operations are illustrated by the dispatch times for this transport.

Call Received: 18:14
Dispatched: 18:15
Enroute: 18:23
ETA Given: 18:30
At Scene: 18:31
Transporting: 18:37
Destination: 18:50

CareFlite has received permission to provide and has scheduled training for First Responders in Whitney and Morgan over the next 60 days. Anyone First Responder interested in attending the 48 hour PCA course should contact Doak Enabnit (806) 777-1122 as soon as possible. The class is free but space is limited.

Established in 1979, CareFlite is the oldest joint use air medical transportation service in the nation. It opened its Air Base in Whitney on February 28th utilizing an Agusta 109 helicopter in order to better serve Bosque, Hill and McLennan Counties. The Agusta 109 is the fastest medical helicopter in the region with a maximum cruise speed of 173 miles per hour. CareFlite's Whitney Air Base is 15 miles closer to Bosque County and its aircraft 44 MPH faster than the next nearest medical helicopter. The Whitney Air Base is staffed 24/7 with a pilot holding an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate, a Flight Nurse and a Flight Paramedic.

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