

Press Release



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In 2005 the [Helicopter EMS Operators \(HEMS\) of North Texas](#) came together to create a safety roundtable. This roundtable was a recommendation of the Air Medical Safety Advisory Council (www.AMSAC.org). This group of operators meets quarterly to discuss important issues pertaining to the safety and efficiency of Air Medical operations in the DFW Metroplex. We were the first such council in the US to hold such a meeting especially for HEMS, and are currently still one of only a few in the US that continues to meet.

In light of recent events in South Texas and Arizona, coupled with the increase in the Air Medical accident rate, the Operators Council this quarter is being expanded to include ALL Helicopter operators in North Texas. Members of flight training schools, Law Enforcement, Electronic News Gathering (ENG, Media), as well as private operators are being invited to sit with their peers in the industry, as well as Representatives of the FAA, NTSB and Texas Department of State Health Services, to discuss safety practices.

This meeting is being held on August 22, 2008, 10:00am, at the Bell Helicopter Training Facility at Alliance Airport.

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- ♥ Offers helicopter EMS, fixed wing air ambulance & 911/ground ambulance service
- ♥ Oldest joint use air medical program in the United States, founded 1979
- ♥ Over 350,000 patients transported since 1979
- ♥ Six air bases and eight ground ambulance bases across North Texas
- ♥ Only IFR helicopter EMS program in the region with 17 proprietary instrument approaches to trauma centers & area hospitals
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