

ANNEX H: AIR AMBULANCE DISPATCH

Manager - Assign LZ Safety Manager from Fire, Police, BCEHS or SAR Agency

Location

- Plan and set up for helicopter arrival at the scene whenever possible. Pilot has final authority over LZ suitability and will determine alternate site if necessary (most highways will accommodate the helicopter).
- Use your GPS to determine "where am I" location. Provide the street address and coordinates to BCEHS dispatch.

Size/Site

- 40 paces x 40 paces - 40m (120 feet).
- Flat (less than 10-degree slope).
- No debris on ground (no barrier, flagging or scene tape).
- No overhead wires or other obstacles.
- If dusty, consider wetting down prior to aircraft arrival.

Communications

- The usual LZ radio channel is the BCEHS regular area operations channel, unless unavailable.
- Maintain radio contact with BCEHS Dispatch on the regular radio channel unless another channel has been designated for the event.
- The helicopter will contact LZ manager inbound, approximately five minutes out. Advise of potential hazards at that time.

Safety and Security

- The LZ manager ensures that the LZ is clear (as above) and that all spectators are clear of the LZ.
- The LZ manager ensures that all traffic is fully stopped for landing(s) on/near roadway(s).
- Ensure eye and ear protection is worn. Advise spectators to expect significant rotor wash with flying gravel/debris.

Patient Preparation

- Ensure trauma patient is on a clamshell.

NEVER APPROACH A HELICOPTER UNTIL AFTER THE HELICOPTER ROTORS HAVE COMPLETELY STOPPED TURNING AND YOU HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO APPROACH BY THE PILOT/S OR THE MEDICAL CREW

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