
AIR MEDEVAC

OBJECTIVE:

To provide a regional air medevac service for Northern Southeast Alaska.

GUIDELINE:

18.1 Capital City Fire/Rescue will provide regional air medevac service to outlying areas with the cooperation of Temsco Helicopters and Coastal Helicopters.

18.2 Medevac personnel will participate at the discretion of the Sponsoring Physician and maintain certification/licensure as a State of Alaska EMT II, EMT III, EMT III Expanded Scope ACLS provider or MICP.

18.3 In order to be considered a fully qualified medevac person, the following steps must be completed:

1. EMT II or above
2. Successfully complete an initial 16 hour medevac escort class approved by the State EMS Office.
3. Complete an 8-hour basic water and shore survival class
4. Maintain 8 hours medevac training a year.

18.4 All flights must have at least an EMT III on the flight. At times, the patient condition may warrant an EMT IIIE or paramedic level care. The ER physician or Station Captain should determine the need for the advanced level of care.

18.5 A list of medevac qualified personnel will be provided annually prior to the start of the medevac season.

18.6 The ER physician will receive and approve a request for a medevac. The ER physician will then contact Control. Control will follow the Medevac Run card.

18.7 Medevac qualified off-duty career personnel will first be offered the medevac flight by text messaging on personal cell phones and transmission of the medevac tones over Fire 1 frequency. Off duty personnel who wish to take the medevac flight must contact the Glacier station within five minutes to accept the assignment. The first

two persons to contact Glacier station will get the assignment. They must be within 15 minutes travel time to Glacier station in order to accept the assignment.

18.8 If no medevac qualified off-duty personnel accept the assignment within five minutes, the on-duty staff will be used to staff the med-evac. Efforts will continue through the normal overtime call-back procedure to staff their replacements.

18.9 If no Medevac Escort is available, the medevac flight will not occur.

18.10 Once a crew is assembled to fly the medevac, the lead flight medic should contact the ER physician for information and obtain any information from the scene as needed. The clinic should be contacted to notify them of the medevac's ETA.

18.11 Medevac personnel should attempt to contact Control prior to departure from Juneau, arrival at their destination, departure from the destination, and arrival to Juneau. Any calls made to clinics should be done by the medevac personnel. Control may contact a clinics or local fire department at the request of the medevac crew to relay information or update the ETA. Medevac personnel are expected to contact Bartlett Regional Hospital and pass any pertinent information onto the ER physician immediately prior to their arrival in Juneau. Medevac personnel should keep track of their arrival and departure times in case of communication problems with Control.

18.12 Prior to all flights, the primary flight medic will assure the following:

- CCF/R personnel are wearing protective clothing and a basic survival vest.
- All appropriate equipment for the incident is loaded aboard the aircraft.
- Sufficient amount of oxygen is available for the total patient flight time at 15 liters per minute flow rate.

18.13 The Department will provide all basic personal safety equipment. Any additional gear desired by an individual is his/her responsibility.