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FLIGHT FOR LIFE TO EXPAND WITH THIRD GROUND AMBULANCE, CONSOLIDATE AIR BASES

WAUKESHA – November 30, 2018 – In an effort to provide the highest quality, most efficient patient care and transport for communities in Southeastern Wisconsin, Flight For Life (FFL) announces the addition of a third Mobile Intensive Care ground ambulance, as well as the consolidation of its air bases from three to two. This realignment will help Flight For Life better serve communities' medical transport needs and will not cause any decrease in Flight For Life's service area coverage nor will any staff or crew member positions be eliminated.

As demand for Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Critical Care (CC) ground ambulance service continues to rise, FFL will be expanding by incorporating a third Mobile Intensive Care ground ambulance into its current fleet; one of which is stationed in Waukesha and the other in the Kenosha/Racine area, both having gone into service on October 1, 2018. The location of the newest ground ambulance has yet to be finalized, but it will service hospitals between Milwaukee and Fond du Lac with a start date in late January 2019. Each FFL ground unit's crew consists of a critical care nurse, critical care paramedic and EMT driver. Along with the 37 newly hired medical crew members to staff the initial ground ambulances, FFL will be hiring additional personnel to staff the new ALS and CC ambulance.

With the addition of the new ground ambulance, FFL will be consolidating their air ambulance fleet from three bases to two in late January, 2019. The new air medical facility will be located between the current bases in Waukesha and Fond du Lac. Medical crew members will provide care on both the medical helicopter and the new ground ambulance with no reduction in FFL staff. The FFL corporate headquarters will remain at the Waukesha County Airport/Crites Field in Waukesha. The hangar has and will continue to house the FFL Communications Center, dedicated FFL back-up aircraft, FFL-WK ground ambulance/crew and administrative personnel. FFL aircraft maintenance as well as staff and safety training will still be performed at the facility.

"The market has spoken, and the demand for safe, high quality, reliable and timely ground transport is on the rise as health systems transfer an increasing number of patients by ground," explains Dan Burns, executive director of Flight For Life. "We feel this realignment of our transport resources will allow us to meet these demands and continue to provide Southeastern Wisconsin with the highest quality, most efficient care possible."

By positioning the newly consolidated air base between the two existing locations, communities currently covered by the Waukesha and Fond du Lac air bases will continue to have timely access to air medical transport, as well as ground transport by the new FFL Mobile Intensive Care ambulances in the area.

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The [Flight For Life Transport System](#) is provided by the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center and headquartered in Waukesha, Wisconsin with air medical bases in Waukesha and Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and McHenry, Illinois, and Mobile Intensive Care ground ambulances in Waukesha and the Racine/Kenosha area. The organization has transported more than 37,000 critically ill and injured patients throughout Wisconsin and northern Illinois since 1984. "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/flightforlifetransportsystem. Follow us on Twitter [@FlightForLife](#)

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