## RENOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER



ROOFTOP HELISTOPS FAMILIARIZATION

RENO - NEVADA

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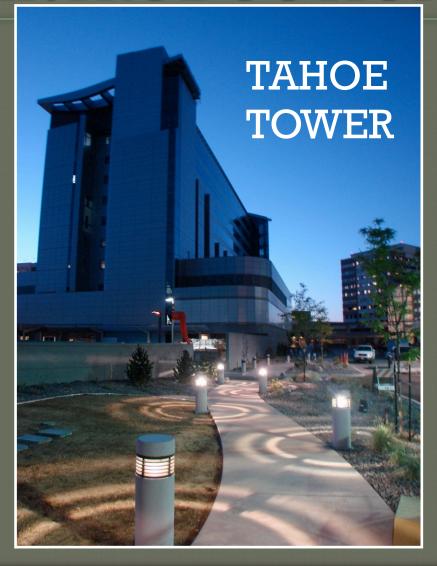
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THIS PRESENTATION HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE FACILITIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF RENOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (RRMC) IN RENO, NEVADA.

IT IS INTENDED TO INTRODUCE PILOTS AND FLIGHT MANAGERS OF COMMERCIAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, PUBLIC SERVICE AND MILITARY HELICOPTER OPERATING ORGANIZATIONS TO NEW HELISTOP FACILITIES AT RRMC.

#### INTRODUCTION



WE HAVE A NEW BUILDING CALLED THE TAHOE TOWER. IT IS STATE-OF-THE ART AND IT HAS

THREE EMS HELISTOPS!

THIS BRIEFING IS INTENDED TO ENLIST YOUR SUPPORT TO HELP US OPERATE OUR HELISTOPS SAFELY.

MAJOR SECTIONS ARE:

- DESCRIPTION OF THE HELISTOPS
- OPERATIONS PROCEDURES
- POLICIES & PROCEDURES

# SEVERAL FACTORS MAKE IT ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO FOCUS ON HELICOPTER SAFETY AT RRMC

 $1^{ST}$ .

## WE HAVE A VERY ACTIVE HELICOPTER OPERATING ENVIRONMENT – THERE ARE SEVERAL LANDINGS EACH DAY



VERY ACTIVE - SEVERAL LANDINGS EACH DAY

 $2^{ND}$ .

### THERE ARE NUMEROUS USERS

- >CARE FLIGHT
- >CAL STAR 3/6
- >MOUNTAIN LIFE FLIGHT
- ► LIFE FLIGHT STANFORD
- >ACCESS AIR
- >REACH
- >ENLOE FLIGHT CARE
- >WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF
- >NAS FALLON
- >CHP

VERY ACTIVE – SEVERAL LANDINGS EACH DAY

NUMEROUS USERS

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WE HAVE MULTIPLE LANDING AREAS

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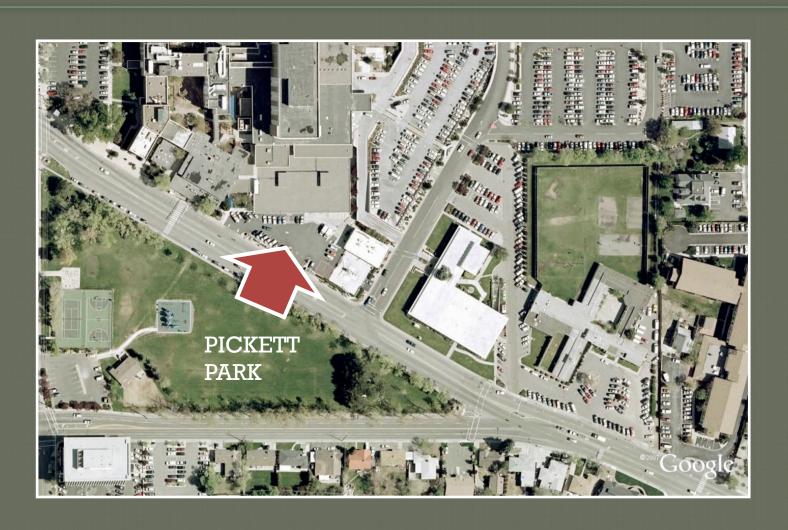
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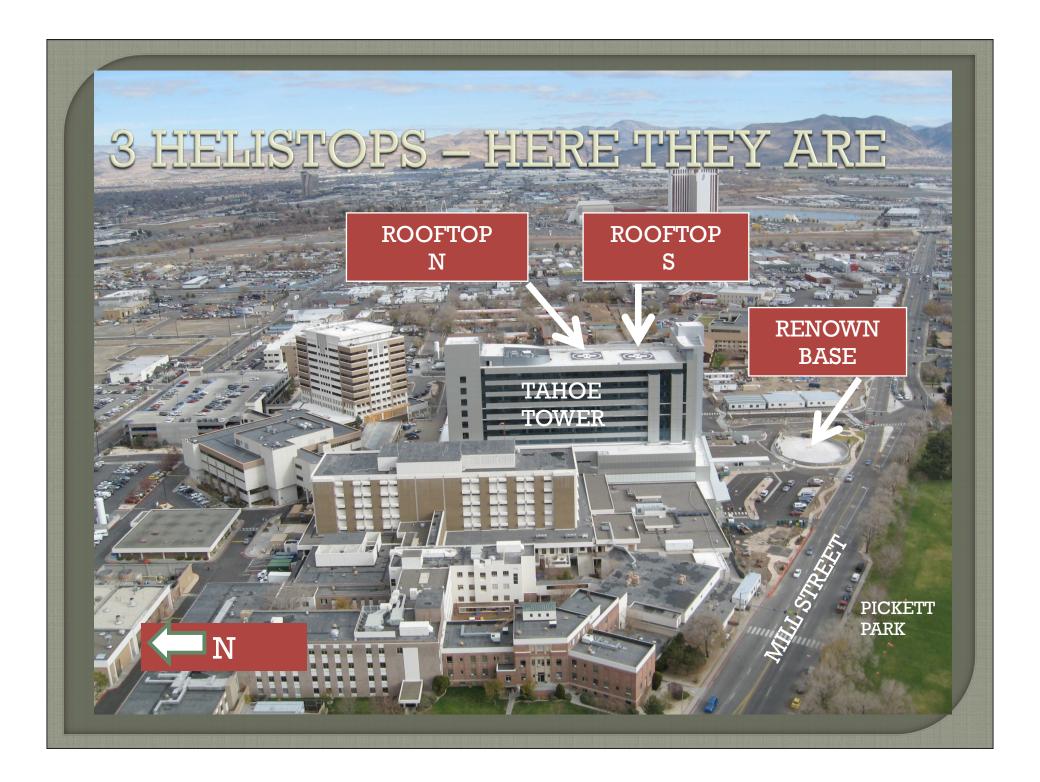
**4**TH.

HIGH DENSITY ALTITUDE – HIGH WINDS – FREEZING TEMPS. AND LOW VISIBILITY ARE SOMETIMES PART OF RENO'S OPERATING ENVIRONMENT.

FURTHER, MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN OPERATING INTO PICKETT PARK. KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE IS A HIGHER RISK OF INCIDENT DURING TRANSITIONAL PERIODS. THESE NEXT FEW MONTHS, AS WE MAKE CHANGES, ARE CRITICAL.

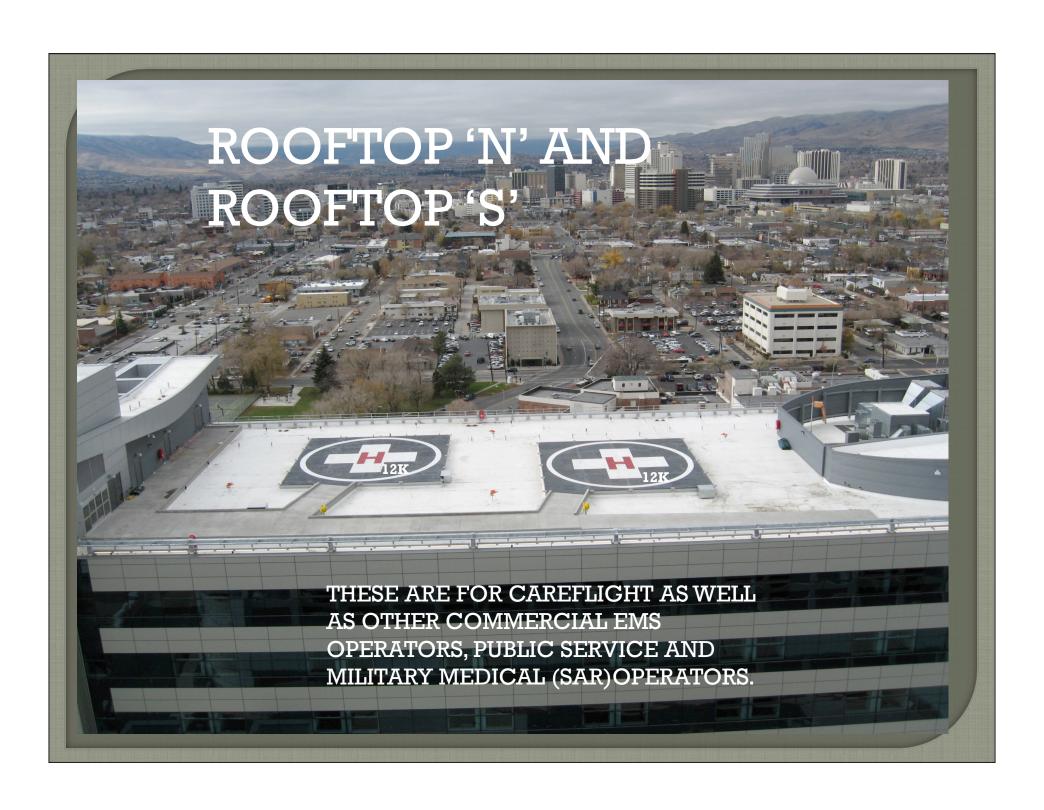
### OUR GOAL IS TO MOVE YOU FROM PICKET PARK TO OUR NEW LOCATION

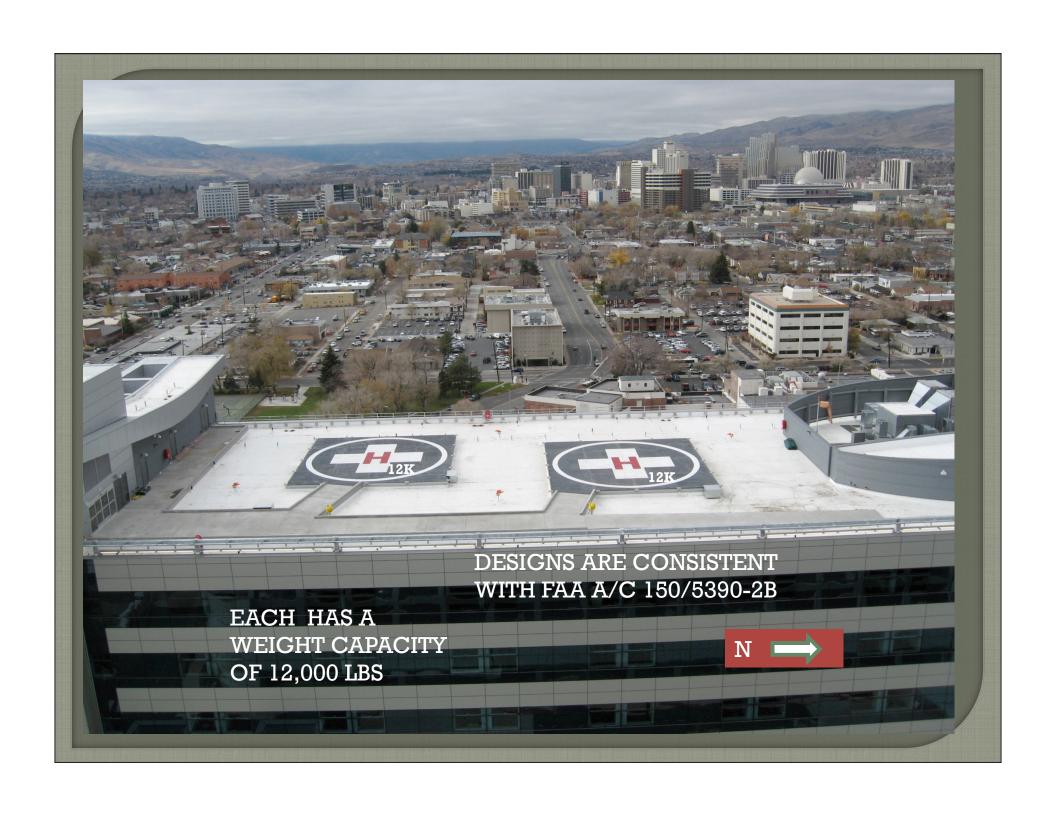


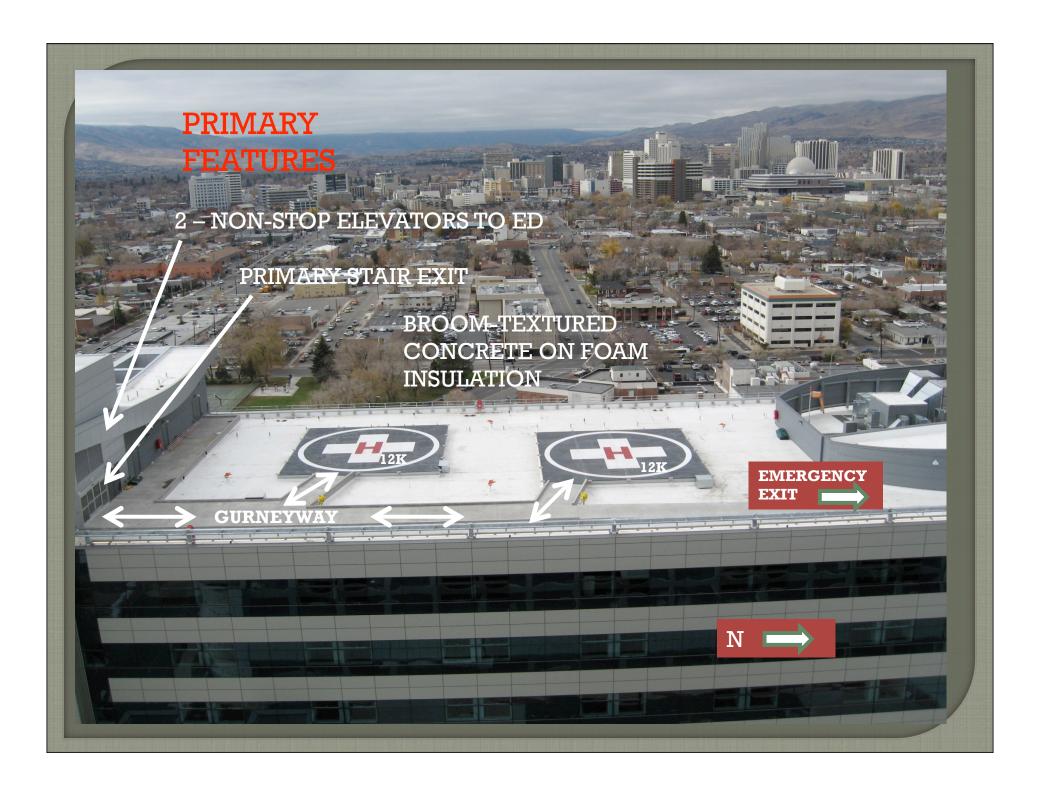


#### RENOWN BASE



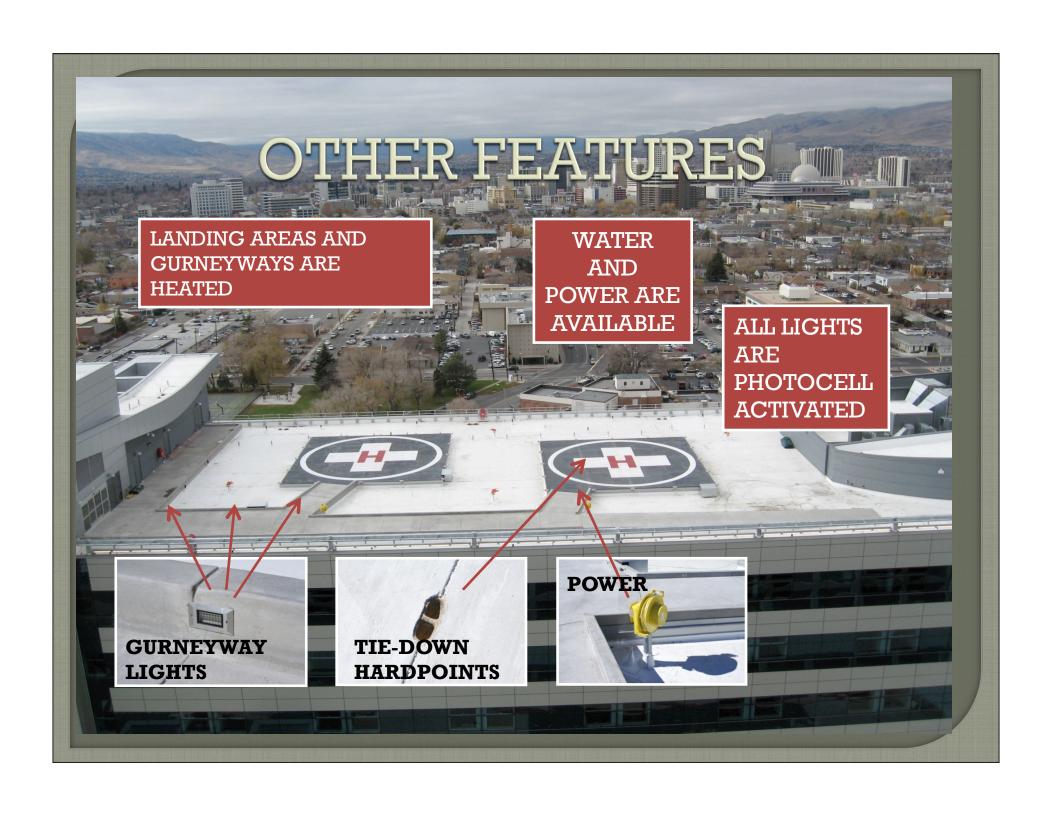




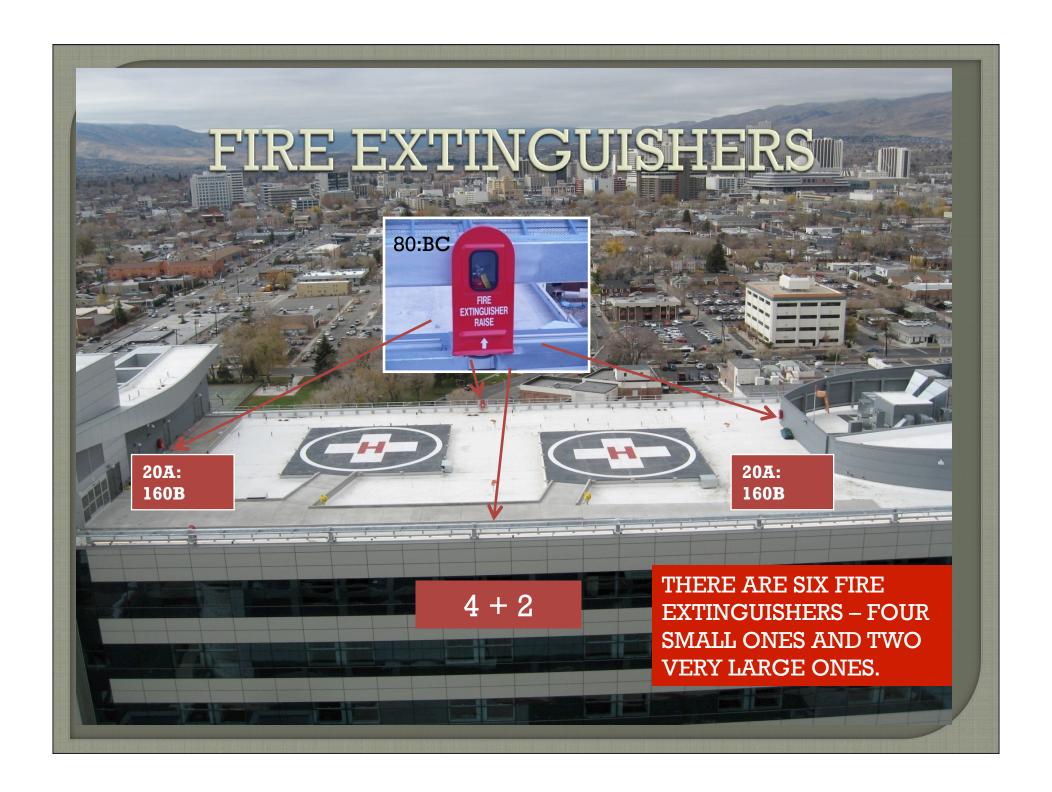












#### **OPERATIONS**

- 1. AUTHORIZATION
- 2. FLIGHT PROCEDURES
- 3. PATIENT TRANSFERS
- 4. IRREGULAR OPERATIONS
- 5. SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

## WE HAVE A PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING PERMISSION TO USE OUR HELISTOPS

#### ITS GOALS ARE:

- > HIGHEST LEVEL OF SAFETY
- > RECOGNIZE SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITY
- > FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS

#### WE ASK FAR 135 OPERATORS TO PROVIDE:

- > COPY OF OPERATING CERTIFICATE
- > CONTACT INFORMATION (FLT. MGRS.)
- > MODELS OF HELICOPTERS

### WE ASK PUBLIC SERVICE AND MILITARY OPERATORS TO PROVIDE:

- > CONTACT INFORMATION (FLT. MGRS.)
- > MODELS OF HELICOPTERS

WE ASK ALL OPERATORS TO UPDATE OUR
RECORDS WHEN MODELS OF
HELICOPTERS AND FLIGHT MANAGERS
CHANGE

#### FAR 135 OPERATORS/TRAINING

THE LATEST VERSIONS OF OUR STANDARDS OF PRACTICE AND OF THIS POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ARE ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

WWW.RENOWN.ORG

Enter helicopter in the search box

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

ROOFTOP 'N' & ROOFTOP 'S' HELISTOPS

WEB BASED

PPT

### RRMC WILL PROVIDE LETTERS AUTHORIZING USE

WHY THE PROCESS?

WE MUST MANAGE OUR HELISTOPS
RESPONSIBLY. TO DO SO WE WILL MAINTAIN
POSITIVE CONTROL OVER THOSE WHO ARE
ALLOWED TO USE THEM.

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THIS EFFORT WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS CONDUIT TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT CLOSURES, RESTRICTED OPERATIONS, ALTERATIONS, CHANGES TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND SAFETY ALERTS.

- > ARRIVAL ON STATION DEPARTURE
- > "HOT" LOADING/UNLOADING
- > REMAINING ON STATION
- > SILMULTANEOUS OPERATIONS
- NOISE CONTROL

#### **ARRIVAL**

PREFERRED APPROACH IS EAST TO WEST

CONTACT REMSA DISPATCH ON "MED 5" – 10 MINUTES OUT – PROVIDE LOCATION

DISPATCH WILL ASSIGN A MED CHANNEL, PROVIDE KNOWN TRAFFIC, ADVISE OF AVAILABLE HELISTOP (ROOFTOP N OR ROOFTOP S) AND PROVIDE A "PATCH" TO RRMC

#### ON STATION

CONTACT DISPATCH WITH PHONE NUMBER.

FREQUENCY OF OPERATIONS MAY REQUIRE CLEARING OF HELISTOP WITHOUT MEDICAL CREWS.

COORDINATE ON 123.025

#### **DEPARTURES**

NOTIFY DISPATCH BY PHONE OR RADIO PRIOR TO ENGINE START.

NOTIFY DISPATCH ON ASSIGNED MED CHANNEL PRIOR TO TAKEOFF - WITH INTENTIONS.

NOTIFY WHEN CLEAR OF AREA (3-5 MILES)

### "HOT" LOADING/UNLOADING IS PRE-APPROVED:

WHEN PILOTS DETERMINE THAT PATIENT OR FLIGHT CONDITIONS REQUIRE THEM.

#### REMAINING ON STATION

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR STAYS TO THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY TO SERVE YOUR PATIENTS.

PROVIDE A CELL PHONE NUMBER TO REMSA DISPATCH WHILE YOU ARE ON SITE.

#### SIMULTANEOUS OPERATIONS

OUR HELISTOPS ARE DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE NEARLY SIMULTANEOUS OPERATIONS. PLEASE PLAN YOUR LANDINGS AND TAKEOFFS ACCORDINGLY.

WE RECOMMEND AT LEAST 1/2 MILE SEPARATION.

#### NOISE CONTROL

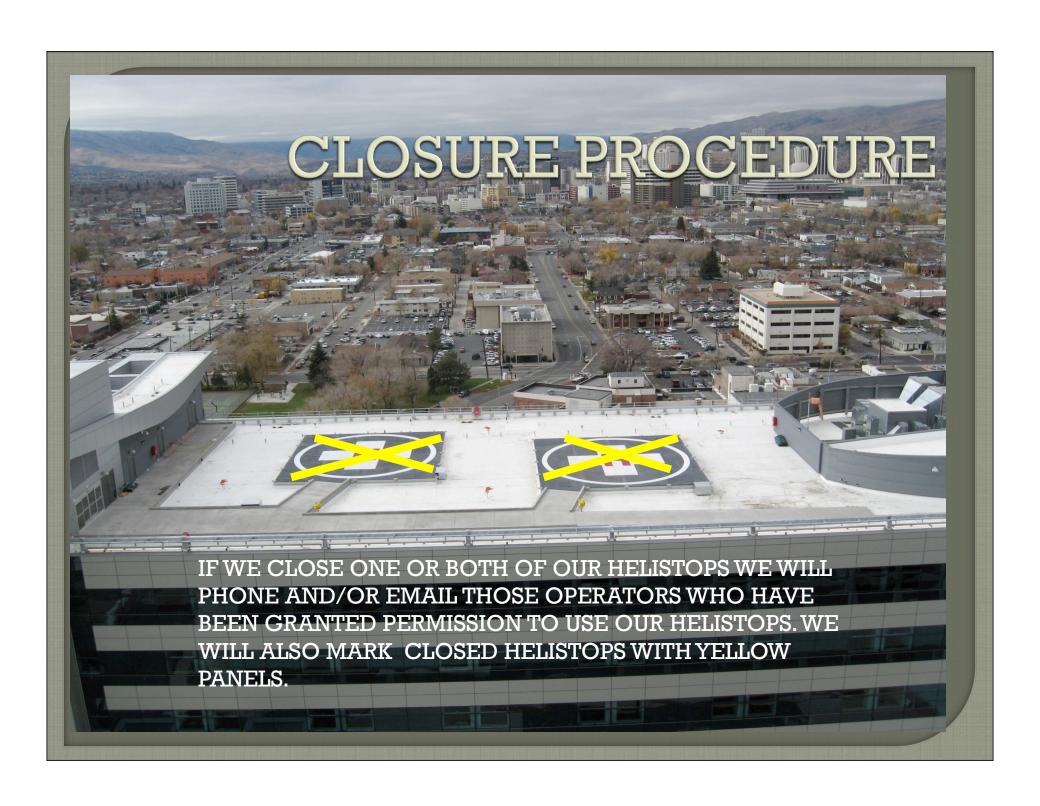
AS WE HAVE STATED, OUR FACILITY IS VERY BUSY. PLEASE LIMIT OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY TO NECESSARY TRAINING AND OPERATIONS REQURED FOR PATIENT SERVICE.

#### 3. PATIENT TRANSFERS

#### PATIENT TRANSFERS

ARRIVALS ARE MET BY 2 RENOWN STAFF
MEMBERSWHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED ON
HELICOPTER PROTOCOL. YOU MUST SPECIFICALLY
REQUEST A NURSE OR MEDICAL TECHNICIAN.

- > CLOSURES
- > WINDOW WASHING
- > DEVIATIONS TO AIRPORT
- > INOPERABLE HELICOPTERS



#### WINDOW WASHING

WHEN OUR WINDOWS ARE BEING WASHED REMSA
DISPATCH MAY ASK YOU TO LIMIT APPROACHES AND
DEPARTURES TO ONE SIDE OF THE TOWER.

#### **DEVIATIONS TO AIRPORT**

THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN DEVIATIONS TO RENO'S AIRPORT ARE NECESSARY DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR FACILITY CLOSURES.

WHEN THIS OCCURS PLEASE COORDINATE WITH REMSA DISPATCH.

#### INOPERABLE HELICOPTERS

WE EXPECT THAT IF YOU EXPERIENCE A MECHANICAL FAILURE THAT YOU WILL TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM SO THAT YOU CAN RETURN YOUR AIRCRAFT TO SERVICE. OUR POLICY IN THIS REGARD IS THAT YOU DO SO.

#### HELISTOP OPERATIONS

#### SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

- > OUR SAFETY HOTLINE IS 775.982.7777
- WE HAVE A SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE
- > INSPECTIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ROUTINELY
- FOD CONTROL IS EXPECTED OF EVERYONE

#### HELISTOP OPERATIONS

PLEASE REPORT INOPERABLE
EQUIPMENT AND UNSAFE OR EVEN
QUESTIONABLE CONDITIONS.

YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY.

#### SUMMARY

- > HELICOPTER OPERATIONS AT RENOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ARE FREQUENT AND SOMETIMES INTENSE.
- > SAFETY IS VITAL. IT REQUIRES A TEAM EFFORT AND VIGILANCE BY ALL INVOLVED.
- > HELP US FINE TUNE OUR PROCEDURES AND THIS PRESENTATION BY PROVIDING FEEDBACK.

#### SUMMARY

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS TRAINING PRESENTATION.

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