

Hamden Police Department General Orders

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Section: Patrol

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Title: Life Star Transportation.

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PURPOSE

To establish guidelines in using the Life Star Medical Transportation System.

POLICY

Life Star Medical Transport can be a highly effective means of transporting critically injured persons to area hospitals. The department will utilize the system under the following guidelines.

Procedures

- A. In most cases it would be counter-productive to use Life Star due the closeness of Hamden to New Haven. The following should be considered:
 - 1. The amount of time it will take to transport a victim by ground to area facilities.
 - 2. Weather, road or traffic problems that might affect patients transport.
 - 3. If a patient cannot be extradited and Advanced Life Support cannot be accomplished by local services.
 - 4. The final decision to call Life Star will be the Shift Supervisor.
- B. Landing Zone.
 - 1. Must be at least 60 ft. by 60 ft. relatively flat and free of overhead obstruction.
 - 2. Should be well marked with four flares one for each corner.
 - 3. Every attempt should be made to secure any hazardous debris.
 - 4. The pilot should be advised of any problems in the landing area.

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- a. Communications has a radio frequency to communicate with the pilot.

C. Safety Rules.

1. Keep well clear of landing zone on approach and take off.
2. Do not aim lights at the aircraft at any time.
3. Once on the ground no one should enter the landing zone until instructed to do so by the pilot or flight nurse.
4. Establish ground security around aircraft and at no time allow anyone near the rear rotor.