
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Medevac Best Practice 1.1
Multiple Aircraft Responses

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Target Audience: Flight Comm. Centers, Public Safety Comm. Centers, Local Fire and Rescue Departments, Regional Councils, Hospital ED's

Area: Communications & Multiple Aircraft Response

Best Practice:

During multiple aircraft requests to a facility or a scene incident, all responding aircraft shall be notified that there will be multiple aircraft responding to the same location.

Goal:

To ensure the safety of all responding personnel, ground or flight.

Procedure:

1. After a communications center is notified that another aircraft has been requested to the facility or scene, the following is the recommended process for notification:
 - a. The requesting communication center contacts all other responding aircraft communication centers and advises them of the multiple aircraft response.
 - b. Communication centers shall inform their prospective aircraft of multiple helicopters responding. Information relayed to the flight crews should include;
 - i. Number of inbound aircraft
 - ii. Assisting aircraft name (i.e. LifeFlight 6)
2. During landing zone operations, all aircraft-ground communications shall occur on a common assigned incident radio frequency.
3. Alternate radio communications, between aircraft, may be accomplished using 123.05.

Education:

All flight programs licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, should educate EMS and hospital personnel of this recommendation.