

SUBJECT: Other air medical programs refueling at Skyport Helipad

PURPOSE: To establish policy on what services may refuel at VUMC

POLICY:

Vanderbilt LifeFlight provides, free of charge, refueling to other air medical operations from nonprofit medical centers when those other operations are able to reciprocate to Vanderbilt when LifeFlight delivers patients to their facilities.

Vanderbilt purchases fuel on its Tennessee exemption certificate. The use of the exemption certificate requires Vanderbilt to represent to the Tennessee Department of Revenue that the material purchased will be used in furtherance of Vanderbilt's tax-exempt charitable mission. Permitting other *non-profit* air ambulance operations to refuel at Vanderbilt, free of charge, furthers our charitable mission of the delivery of health care when the other operations allow *reciprocal* refueling for Vanderbilt at their respective locations.

A commercial air ambulance service who cannot reciprocate, as they have no hospital that LifeFlight delivers patients to, and from which Vanderbilt may receive such reciprocal service, is not eligible for the privilege of refueling at the Skyport helipad.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

If the pilots have any difficulty with the refueling system, they may contact the Communications Center using the local access number 2.3211. Phones are located at both exit routes from the helipad.

The Communications Center may request your aircraft to relocate prior to refueling (due to other aircraft arriving, etc.).