

Policy: Repositioning of LifeFlight Aircraft for incoming traffic to the LifeFlight Skyport

Purpose: To provide guidelines to enhance the safety of aircraft and personnel while eliminating the need to hurry.

Only LifeFlight aircraft will be allowed to utilize the inner helipad on the skyport!!!

When there are more than 1 aircraft inbound to the outer pad and one of them is a Vanderbilt LifeFlight aircraft, the inner pad should be utilized if available. If the ETA of both inbound aircraft is within 20 minutes of each other LF1 may be asked to reposition to St. Thomas or John Tune airport with crew as long as there is at least 10 minutes notice given to the LF1 crew.

If there is only one other aircraft inbound other than LifeFlight and time permits, once the LifeFlight medical crew has unloaded their patient, the pilot will then reposition the aircraft to Tune or STT until the helipad is cleared by the next inbound aircraft.

When the need for triaging patients exists Flight Comm. will make the triage decision based on information provided by the medical crews of the inbound aircraft. Flight Comm. personnel may need to consult with medical control if the proper decision is not evident.

If at any time the pilots or medical crew determine it to be unsafe to reposition the aircraft due to time constraints or inability to prepare for departure in time for inbound aircraft, the inbound aircraft may be diverted elsewhere.

Once an aircraft other than Lifeflight checks in with an ETA of 20 mins. or less and both helipads are occupied, Flight Comm. will inform them that the helipad is currently occupied and they may anticipate being diverted.

If a visiting aircraft is required to divert, every effort will be made to assist them in picking up their medical crew members. However, this may be delayed long enough for LifeFlight aircraft to be restocked and readied for service. In addition, all air medical programs will be responsible for arranging ground transportation for their patient(s) if diversion is required.