



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Helicopter Air Ambulance Landings @ CHW Mercy Hospital - Bakersfield

The purpose of this memorandum is to issue a directive regarding Air Ambulance helicopter landings at the intersection of 16th and "D" Street for patient transport to or from CHW Mercy Hospital – Bakersfield (located at 2215 Truxtun Avenue – Bakersfield). The 16th and "D" Street – Bakersfield intersection shall not be used as a helicopter Air Ambulance landing zone for patient transports to or from CHW Mercy Hospital – Bakersfield. This is due to flight safety risks in the area from traffic, structures, other area flight obstructions and hazard exposure to the general public.

For patients that require helicopter Air Ambulance transport to or from CHW Mercy Hospital - Bakersfield, the helicopter Air Ambulance shall land at Meadows Field Airport or an appropriate licensed helicopter landing pad and a ground ambulance shall be used for patient transport to or from the helicopter Air Ambulance. It is strongly suggested that all helicopter Air Ambulance transports or transfers involving Kern County be carefully coordinated.

The Kern County Emergency Communications Center (ECC), as the Designated EMS Aircraft Dispatch Center for Kern County should be used as a coordination resource for Air Ambulance Providers based outside Kern County. ECC may be contacted at (661) 868-4055. Please call the Kern County EMS Department at (661) 861-3200 for any questions.

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