



## LifeTeam Announces New Safety Manager

LifeTeam is pleased to announce that BJ Tyner, Emporia, KS Base Lead Pilot, has been named Safety Manager for LifeTeam. BJ Tyner came to LifeTeam two years ago after serving as the Undersheriff at the Harvey County Sheriff's Office.

BJ has eight years of experience with the US Army where he served as an Army Blackhawk Pilot. After serving time in the Army, he attended Emporia State University as well as the University of Kansas and pursued a career in Law Enforcement with roles including Patrol, Investigations, S.W.A.T., and Administration. BJ plans to bring the skills acquired through experiences in the Military, Law Enforcement, and the EMS Aviation Industry to the LifeTeam Safety Manager position.

The LifeTeam Safety Manager is responsible for the development of safety related policies and procedures as well as the promotion of accident prevention throughout the company. However, BJ plans to bring some new aspects to the role, "I look forward to developing an ongoing continuing education program for LifeTeam personnel as well as interested personnel in the agencies with whom we work closely."

In addition to the day-to-day tasks, the LifeTeam Safety Manager is responsible for the Annual Safety Stand Down. The safety committee proactively tracks areas in need of improvement, such as deviations from policy, protocols and procedures. The committee addresses these areas in need of improvement and hosts a company-wide Safety Stand Down, closing base operations for a day and focusing the LifeTeam crews to the priority at hand. On December 5, 2009 LifeTeam hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Safety Stand Down event at the headquarters in Newton, KS. LifeTeam employees attended the event and were educated on Safety Issues directly related to each specific role. Rotor Wing crews, Fixed Wing crews, Ground crew, and the Communications center were each given the opportunity to have one-on-one training in their respective function.

LifeTeam currently holds an excellent safety record and BJ's goal is to maintain and broaden the Safety Program, "I am looking forward to the opportunity to help keep our company, as well as those people who depend on us for help, as safe as possible." As Safety Manager, BJ will have the responsibility of providing LifeTeam employees with formal education on operational safety, aviation/vehicle safety, workplace safety, and patient safety. The ultimate goal of the LifeTeam Safety Program is the commitment and dedication to, the ongoing efforts to reduce, and essentially eliminate any safety issues relative to LifeTeam and patient care.