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LifeTeam and Community Hospital Partner to Enhance Critical Care Transport for Patients

(Newton, KS - September 8, 2010) When faced with a medical emergency, Southwest Nebraska residents will now have faster access to the life-saving care they need. Community Hospital, McCook, Nebraska, has recently worked with LifeTeam, a transport medicine specialty company, to provide locally based fixed wing transport for their critically ill or injured patients to tertiary care. LifeTeam's highly trained medical and flight crews safely transport patients with a medical or surgical emergency that may need a trauma surgeon, a cardiologist, or a neurologic specialist.

LifeTeam's focus is on establishing partnerships with area hospitals and EMS agencies to provide excellent patient care in rural communities. A physician-driven company, LifeTeam ensures clinical excellence with an on-line medical director involved in each transport. "From the beginning, LifeTeam has been a healthcare provider that utilizes air and ground vehicles in its practice of transport medicine. This patient focus is present in every part of safely transporting patients to specialty care and we look forward to bringing this resource to the region," states Marty Sellberg, M.D., medical director and CEO.

Safety is LifeTeam's #1 priority; thereby, the aircraft of choice is the all-weather pressurized Beechcraft King Air C90 turboprop. LifeTeam utilizes experienced, two-pilot crews and state-of-the-art safety equipment, including, terrain alert warning systems (TAWS), satellite tracking and GPS navigation.

The aircraft will be based at the McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport and will lease hangar space from Red Willow Aviation. Crew Quarters are located next to the hangar facility with crews "ready alert" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. "We are excited about the opportunity to serve the McCook community and surrounding areas," says Melissa Knott, LifeTeam COO. "The Hospital, Fire/EMS, and the Airport and City Managers have been more than accommodating in our development process. The City of McCook has all the right elements for this to be a very successful base."

According to Jim Ulrich, Community Hospital President & CEO, "Having LifeTeam base a fixed wing method of critical care transport in McCook will certainly enhance emergency access to tertiary care. We are fortunate to have such tremendous local EMS and ambulance support and now even further blessed with LifeTeam as they will improve our ability to provide for emergency transport to a higher level of care when needed."

LifeTeam also offers a membership program which provides prepaid protection against the cost of a LifeTeam air transport that exceeds any insurance or medical benefits; for members, the company waives all out-of-pocket costs for the transport. Members are covered in all LifeTeam service areas. Visit www.lifeteam.us for more information.

LifeTeam, an independent air medical transport service headquartered in Kansas, has been caring for patients since 2001. Partnering with healthcare providers throughout the Midwest region, LifeTeam has an unrivaled reputation for patient care and an excellent safety record. In addition to the new McCook base, LifeTeam operates emergency transport aircraft from Dodge City, Emporia, Great Bend, Hutchinson, Newton, and Liberal, Kansas, as well as ground transport vehicles in Great Bend and Wichita.