



OSF LIFE FLIGHT

About Us

OSF Life Flight is a 24-hour helicopter air-medical transport system, based in Peoria, Peru and Rockford, Illinois, which has been in service since June 1984. OSF HealthCare leads the way in air ambulance service in Illinois and operates one of the premier flight programs in the United States. We provide safe and fast critical care transport while maintaining a perfect safety record.

Central Illinois patient helicopter transportation began on January 10, 1967, with the historic transfer of a neonatal infant from Zion, Illinois, to OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center. The infant was transported in a helicopter owned by the Peoria Journal Star newspaper. The Peoria Journal Star continued to transfer patients into the early 1970s, but with the increase of patient transfer requests, the Illinois Department of Transportation assumed the transport role through 1984. In June 1984, OSF Life Flight was officially founded.

How Life Flight Works

An OSF Life Flight may be requested by physicians, hospital personnel, emergency medical services, fire personnel, police, emergency management agencies and 911 dispatch centers. The toll-free emergency dispatch number is **855-OSF-FLYT**. It is answered 24 hours a day by nationally certified flight communication specialists. The OSF Life Flight communications center (Flight Com) is located in Peoria, Illinois.

During an average month, Flight Com receives about 200-300 requests for patient transfers to be conducted by air.

OSF Life Flight Team

Medical Crew

The medical flight crew consists of two flight nurses or a flight nurse and flight paramedic. The crew trains in aeromedical patient transport with specialized skills in intubation, surgical airway, needle thoracentesis, pericardiocentesis, transtracheal jet ventilation for critical patient care. All flight nurses and paramedics have a minimum of five years of critical care experience and several required trauma and life support certifications.

Specialty teams are utilized for maternal (high-risk obstetrics) and neonatal (high-risk premature infant) services.

Pilots and Mechanics

OSF Aviation mechanics have all completed education and training in aviation mechanics.

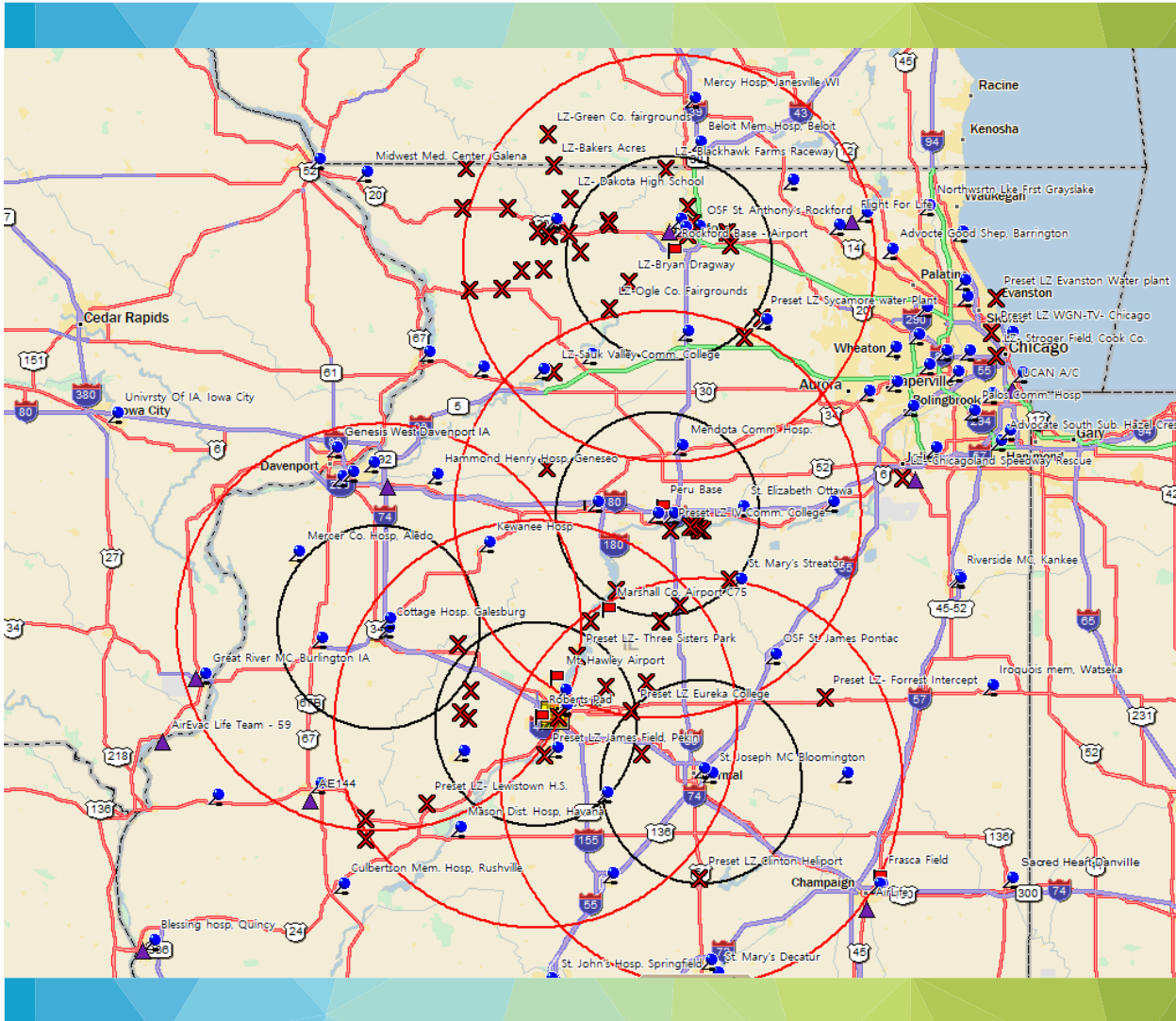
Pilots must possess a minimum of 2,000 hours of helicopter pilot-in-command time, a commercial helicopter certificate and current instrument rating. They receive mandatory bi-annual flight training to stay current with aircraft safety procedures.

The active fleet currently consists of four American Eurocopter EC 145 helicopters, with one aircraft each based in Galesburg, Bloomington, Peru and Rockford, Illinois.

OSF Life Flight
(309) 624-2301



OSF Life Flight Coverage Map



Aircraft Specifications

Aircraft:	EC 145 Medical Helicopter
Manufacturer:	American Eurocopter
Engine Type:	Twin Turbomeca Arriel 1E2 turboshafts
Capacity	Nine passengers / two crew
Cruise Speed:	153 mph
Range:	426 miles
Rotor Length:	36 feet

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