

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 30, 2024

To: All Langford Dispatch Operations staff

Re: Temporary Rotary Resource – Port McNeill

BCEHS has contracted an ad-hoc rotary resource based in Port McNeill for 3 months, commencing June 1, 2024. This resource's main objective is Inter-Facility Transfers of any acuity, with the goal of minimizing the time a community resource is out of their community on an IFT. The secondary objective is to provide access to remote communities where there is no viable ground/water option, or the ground/water option will take the community resource out of their community for a prolonged amount of time. The goal with this rotary resource is to keep trips within one hour's flight time of their base.

This helicopter will be available to request days only (0800-2000) for the period of June 1st to August 31st and will be based out of the West Coast Helicopters hangar at Port McNeill Airport. This resource will take a Stryker stretcher and would typically accommodate both crew members and one patient. Local paramedics are receiving flight paramedic training May 31-June 3. Flight qualification should show in the employee's properties in CAD. Due to WCB requirements, one person on the crew must be flight trained in order for that crew to go flying. Both PCPs and EMRs are able to take the training and go flying.

LDOC EMDs are responsible for monitoring events in the North Island and identifying events which may be appropriate for utilizing this ad hoc resource. When an event has been identified as possibly being appropriate for a helicopter to respond, the EMD must:

1. Document in supplemental information:
 - a. The reason for requesting the helicopter resource
 - b. Timeframes, including if responding by ground the amount of time the resource would be out of their community
 - c. Other logistical constraints, such as hospital closures, or if we will be delayed dispatching a ground crew to the helicopter
2. SIG1 the CEMD for their awareness

The CEMD will be responsible for ensuring adequate documentation and reasoning is provided in Supplemental Information, and then will PREQUEST "MCNEILL HELI" to PTCC. CEMDs, please also take into consideration if 129CP1 would be of value particularly on prehospital events in remote locations; if you have any questions regarding if they would be appropriate, please discuss with the PS. 129CP1 may need to replace one of the other crew members if it is determined that they should be sent.

Upon receiving the PREQUEST, PTCC will review the event and contact the pilots for a weather check. If the pilots accept the trip, PTCC will send a "REQ1" requesting local paramedics. PTCC will be responsible for flight following the aircraft on SkyTrac; the LDOC EMD will be responsible for updating the crew's status in CAD. The pilots may communicate with the Ch13 EMD over the radio utilizing their tailsign to advise of their status and ETA; these must be documented accordingly in CAD (unit status and/or Supp Info). The LDOC EMD will also be responsible for advising the crew to call the CCPA prior to their departure, if not already done.

Please note: this ad hoc resource is currently not in CAD to be signed into the Vehicle ID in Unit Properties, unlike our dedicated air resources.

Please contact your Charge Dispatcher for any questions.

Aircraft Facts:

Aircraft: Bell 212HP-DF

Range: 542 km (one way with zero wind – would need fuel to return)

Cruise speed: 185 kph

