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Life Flight Network earns distinguished air medical *Program of the Year* award from the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS).

Life Flight Network, an air medical provider serving the Pacific Northwest from five locations in Oregon and Washington, has been named ***Program of the Year by the international Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS)***. This is acknowledged as the most celebrated and prestigious award available to air medical providers and it marks the first time in the history of AAMS a flight program based on the West Coast of the United States has received this award.

Receiving the AAMS *Program of the Year* award is recognition an emergency medical program demonstrates the very highest levels of patient care, management expertise, quality leadership, customer service, safety, marketing ingenuity, community service and commitment to the medical transport community. Over 250 air medical programs worldwide are eligible for AAMS *Program of the Year* honors, including those in eight foreign countries ranging from South Africa to Australia. Life Flight Network, a Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS) certified company, will be officially recognized at the annual Air Medical Transport Conference in San Jose, California on October 26, 2009.

“This is an enormous milestone for Life Flight Network and we are honored to receive this award”, says Michael Griffiths, Executive Director of Life Flight Network. “Ultimately, this is about the community and the people we serve. The combination of providing excellent patient care and rapid transport translates to better patient outcomes and lives saved. This recognition acknowledges the service we provide to the citizens of Oregon and Washington as one of the finest in the world,” Griffiths continues.

Life Flight Network provides critical care transport to seriously ill or injured pediatric and adult patients from the scene of an emergency or from one hospital to another. These are the patients who need the highest level of care and the fastest transport possible. “Medical helicopters have long been considered the gold standard to transport critically injured trauma patients, but the advent of ground breaking treatment for patients suffering heart attacks and strokes has greatly increased the need for Life Flight Network’s service beyond victims of trauma,” Griffiths states.

Life Flight Network has been in operation for over 31 years with bases in Aurora, OR; Hillsboro, OR; Eugene, OR; Longview, WA; and Dallesport, WA. In addition to a modern fleet of 5 medical helicopters, Life Flight Network also provides ground critical care ambulances and fixed-wing aircraft. Life Flight Network is wholly owned by Legacy Emanuel Hospital, Oregon Health & Science University, and Providence Health System of Oregon. Rotor-wing aircraft are operated by Air Methods Corporation, fixed-wing aircraft are operated by Aero Air, LLC.

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