

## MedForce unveils two medical service helicopters

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### Press release submitted by MedForce

Bettendorf, IA (December 22, 2010) Two EC135 Eurocopters will be put into service by MedForce by the end of the year. The helicopters will be on display at the Davenport Municipal Airport in the new Carver Aero hangar.

MedForce provides critical care in the air with two aircraft, based out of Colona, Illinois and Burlington, Iowa. The company serves a 120-mile radius from each location that includes 60 hospitals in 30 counties and destinations at 15 medical facilities.

The timing was right to update our aircraft. We're celebrating 10 years and continually take a proactive approach to safety,<sup>2</sup> comments Kevin Takacs, President/CEO of Quad City Helicopter EMS. <sup>3</sup>The NTSB and FAA are preparing new guidelines for safety and we're making the necessary changes before the mandates are released. Our goal is to provide safe, appropriate, critical care transportation to our patients and these new helicopters will allow us to continue to do that.

Both aircraft are equipped with night vision goggles (NVGs) that provide an added level of safety. MedForce is the only regional provider utilizing NVG technology. Contracting aviation with PHI, Inc. a world leader in rotary flight for more than 50 years provides another level of safety and security. Having PHI as our aviation business partner gives us access to a stronger safety program, better aircraft maintenance and greater availability to meet the needs of the communities we serve,<sup>2</sup> says Takacs.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), there are approximately 840 emergency medical service helicopters operating today. Quad City Helicopter EMS is a 501 (c)(3) charitable trust organization. The independent emergency helicopter service operates from two base locations in Illinois and Iowa.

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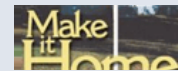


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Today is Monday, Oct. 3, the 276th day of 2011. There are 89 days left in the year.

**1861 -- 150 years ago:** Peter Cartwright is lecturing in this city tonight. Give him a rousing house. You will be well paid for it.

**1886 -- 125 years ago:** The Rev. S. S. Cryer of Central Presbyterian Church, Rock Island has been elected president of the Rock Island County Sunday School Association at its 34th annual convention.

**1911 -- 100 years ago:** John H. Hauberg of Rock Island has been elected president of the Rock Island County Sunday School Association at its 34th annual convention.

**1936 -- 75 years ago:** A heavy frost prevailed in the area last night as the mercury reached a low of 39 degrees at the weather bureau office and 35 degrees at the Moline airport, the coldest since last April 23.

**1961 -- 50 years ago:** A fire prevention school for all building custodians in Rock Island will be held Friday and Saturday at the service building of the Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Co.

**1986 -- 25 years ago:** Mississippi River floodwaters today busted a 105-year-old record, swelling to 17.8 feet -- .1 of a foot above the record fall flood that swept through the Quad-Cities area in 1881. The river is expected to continue setting records as it heads toward a crest of 19.5 feet in Rock Island late Monday or early Tuesday.

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