

## EMS HELICOPTER REQUEST AND DESTINATION

### First Responder Considerations to Request

#### TIME and NEED

**TIME** - A savings of 10 minutes over ground

**NEED** - one or more of the following:

- High Risk Motor Vehicle Accident
  - ◊ Major damage to vehicle (e.g. head-on/ entrapment)
  - ◊ Patient ejection
  - ◊ Three (3) or more patients
- Auto vs. Pedestrian/Bicyclist
  - ◊ Thrown or run over with significant injuries
- Motorcycle/ATV (or like vehicle) Accident with injuries
- Other situations not listed, but the first responder believes the condition of the patient is critical

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### Additional Consideration to Request

#### Upon patient evaluation - consider requesting for:

- Meets trauma triage criteria
- Meets STEMI activation guidelines
- ALOC with no response to treatment
- Respiratory compromise or arrest
- Childbirth complications
- Neurovascular compromise to a limb(s)
- Hypotension - medical < 100 mmHg

### Destination Guidelines

- TIME AND NEED considerations have been reviewed
- Transport to the appropriate hospital with an approved helispot/pad
- Trauma patients meeting Step 1 or 2 shall be transported to a Trauma Center when possible
- Trauma Patient meeting Step 3 or 4 - consult with SLO Trauma Center for destination
- MedCom shall be notified of the destination