

610 MEDIVAC LANDING SITES

PURPOSE:

To establish a procedure for responses to landing zone (LZ) incidents within Florence Township.

SCOPE:

All active Florence Township Fire Department firefighting personnel.

PROCEDURES:

1. LANDING SITE ESTABLISHMENT
 - A. Personnel should select a LZ that is a minimum 100' X 100' area of grass or hard surface. This area should be free of debris, such as gravel, litter, or snow that might become airborne.
 - B. Personnel should select a LZ that is close to the incident scene, but does not jeopardize safety.
 - C. Personnel should secure the perimeter of the LZ so that pedestrian or vehicular traffic will not enter the area.
 - D. Personnel should use appropriate markers to distinguish the area.
 - F. Personnel should notify the pilot of all obstructions in the vicinity of the LZ.
 - G. Personnel should notify the pilot of the existence of any significant ground slope, ground condition, uneven terrain, or loose debris.
 - H. Personnel should be aware that if the pilot is uncomfortable with the LZ, an alternate LZ will be needed.
2. RADIO & LANDING
 - A. All radio transmissions should be brief & to the point.
 - B. All communications from the helicopter to the ground will be established as soon as the helicopter is within range.
 - C. There shall be only one designated person/apparatus on the ground that will communicate with the helicopter during landings and departures.
3. LZ SAFETY PRACTICES:
 - A. All members shall shield their eyes while the helicopter is landing, departing & at other times when the rotor blades are turning.
 - B. All personnel are to remain clear of the helicopter at all times unless instructed to approach by a flight crewmember.