



ALFRED STATION FIRE COMPANY

Alfred Station Fire Company Hosts District IV Mercy Flight Ground Crew Safety Training

December 18, 2004

A number of Firefighters and EMS personnel from Allegany County District IV (comprised of Alfred Station, Alfred, Almond and Andover fire companies) attended Mercy Flight Ground Crew Safety Training Course hosted at the Alfred Station Fire Company.

Mercy Flight crew members delivered their training presentation helping course participants better understand the various aspects of the Mercy Flight mission in Western New York from the initial assessment of the victim's condition through the proper setup of a landing zone should their services be required.

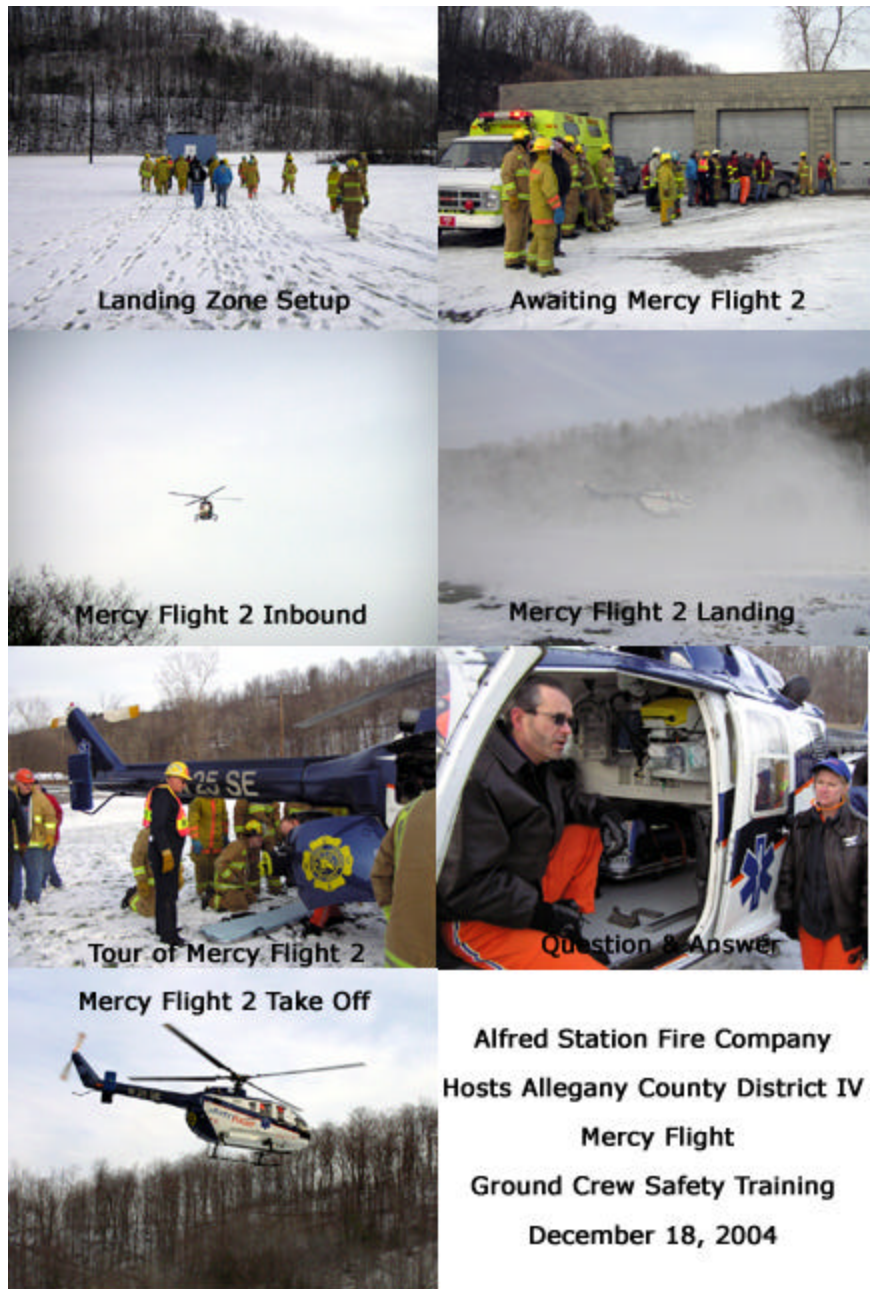


Ground Crew Safety Course participants learned:

- The value of utilizing Mercy Flight to achieve a favorable outcome for patients within the "Golden Hour" time window

- Criteria for Mercy Flight utilization
- Mercy Flight "On Ground" and "Airborne" Standby modes
- Mercy Flight response times to our area from each of their three locations in Western New York (Buffalo, Batavia and Olean)
- Proper Landing Zone Setup, Safety and Security
- Procedures for working with Mercy Flight crew members "On Scene"

The course was very informative and culminated with an actual landing zone setup followed by a tour of Mercy Flight 2 at the Town of Alfred grounds on Shaw Road.



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We wish to extend our deepest appreciation to the entire Mercy Flight team for this valuable training opportunity and the life saving service Mercy Flight provides for Allegany County and Western New York. You can visit Mercy Flight on the web at: <http://www.mercyflight.org>