

# Short-Haul Operations

## CAPABILITIES

- During an operational Short-Haul the helicopter is capable of inserting Short-Haulers into an area with tight canopy cover and/or technical terrain.
- Haul line lengths range from 100 feet to 350 feet.
- Short hauler and/or medical gear can be delivered to the medical scene even if extraction by short-haul is not necessary.

## ORDERING

- EMT or Medical Incident IC determines medical extraction is required.
- Follow local established procedures and/or Medical Incident Report (MIR) in the IRPG.
- Confirm aircraft type, call sign, estimated time of arrival and frequency.
- Give site selection information when ordering: hazards (i.e. ash, smoke, snags, aerial), tree height, terrain, and patient transport configuration (supine or seated position). Repeat hazards and give updated weather conditions as well as brief patient update to responding helicopter.

**PROCESS:** The helicopter will fly to the coordinates provided. They will make contact with ground personnel on scene with the patient using an identified air-to-ground frequency. The helicopter will complete a short-haul recon and size up, gather patient update information and then fly to a landing zone (LZ) to configure for short-haul operations. The helicopter will be monitoring the appropriate air-to-ground, air guard and victor frequencies. From this point, ground resources should only contact the helicopter in case of an emergency. During the insertion and extraction process ground personnel must be clear of the area.

## ON SCENE: EXPECT THE FOLLOWING

- 1 or 2 rescuers (at least one qualified as an EMT or higher)
- Backboard (if needed and not already on scene)
- All equipment necessary for patient extraction

The Patient Extraction Bag accommodates most backboards.  
-A patient on a backboard, TRS, SKED or litter will be inserted into the bag.



The Seat Harness is used for patients not requiring the use of a backboard.

