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Date: January 4, 2017
TO: Steve Brigham
FROM: Harry Kirlin
SUBJECT: Helicopter Operations

This memo covers helicopter operations at BUMC Tucson for the month of December. There were 78 medical flights during December, down from 117 in November and 89 a year ago.

There were nine observed violations of the “no-fly zone” in December. In two of the violations, the officer on the pad spoke to the pilot, explaining proper flight paths, and their departure was correct. The officer on the pad spoke to pilots regarding the remaining seven observed violations. The pilots explained that their violations were safety related, due to situations like high winds, patient condition, etc. Three of these nine observed violations also resulted in reports from our neighbors.

There were at least four other flights that resulted in phone call reports from our neighbors. However, the officers on the pad observed all of these flights to be within acceptable limits or violating due to the safety issues mentioned above.

Please pass on to our neighbors that if they have questions or concerns about a specific helicopter flight, they should feel free to contact me through BUMC Security at 694-6533.