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Date: April 3, 2017
TO: Steve Brigham
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SUBJECT: Helicopter Operations

This memo covers helicopter operations at BUMC Tucson for the month of March. There were 113 medical flights during March, up from 108 in February and 110 a year ago.

There were nine observed violations of the “no-fly zone” in March. Two of the violations were attributed to high winds by the pilots. Two were attributed to other helicopter traffic in the area. Four other flights involved pilots who were unfamiliar with the pad. In each of those instances, the officer on the pad spoke to the pilot and their departure was correct. Four of the above mentioned flights resulted in reports from our neighbors.

There were five other reports from our neighbors. In those instances, the officer on the pad observed the flight to be within acceptable limits. However, several times, due to other helicopters already on the pad, the copters were forced to hover or circle the area for a few minutes. While they did not go outside the approved flight paths, it is possible that the longer hover times resulted in our neighbor’s concerns.

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.