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Date: December 1, 2017
TO: Mark Ostrand
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SUBJECT: Helicopter Operations

This memo covers helicopter operations at BUMC Tucson for the month of November. There were 98 medical flights during November, as compared to 84 in October and 103 a year ago.

There were six observed violations of the “no-fly zone” in November. Two of these observed violations were due to wind conditions and an extremely critical patient. Three were the result of pilots making their first flight to our location. The officer on the pad explained the proper flight path and their departure was correct. The sixth violation was during a particularly busy time and we were unable to contact the pilot. One of these violations also resulted in a report from a neighbor.

There were twelve flights that resulted in reports from our neighbors. In those instances, the officer on the pad observed the flight involved to be within acceptable limits. It should be noted that one of these flights was a touch and go training flight involving a military Blackhawk. While their approach and departure was appropriate, these helicopters are much larger and noisier than our usual traffic and almost always result in reports from our neighbors.

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.