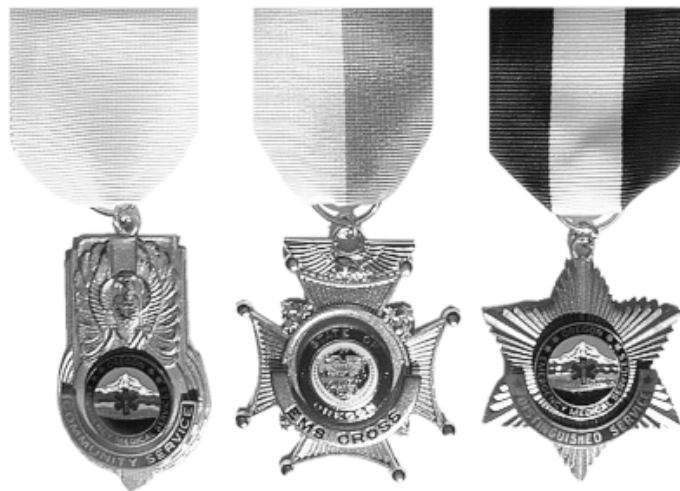




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Life Flight Network is proud to celebrate 30-years of providing high-level critical care to the pre-hospital environment. As a vital component in many Oregon and Washington EMS systems, Life Flight is one of the oldest, safest, and most reputable flight programs in the nation.

Life Flight celebrates its ability to provide an unparalleled level of safety, patient care, and leadership in the air-medical industry. Medical crews are qualified in advanced skills such as chest tube insertion, surgical and needle cricothyrotomy, invasive line monitoring, blood administration, and intubation. State of the art medical equipment and modern aircraft combine to give crews the edge in excellent care and rapid, safe response. Hospitals, EMS agencies, and patients have come to depend upon the Registered Nurse / Paramedic crews that are available 24-7.

Established in 1978 as part of Emanuel Hospital, Life Flight was the 4th hospital-based air ambulance in the country and the first on the west coast. In the 1990's, Life Flight continued its non-profit mission while forming a consortium program owned by Legacy Emanuel Hospital, Providence Health System, and Oregon Health & Science University.



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Life Flight dedicated three additional helicopters this year to increase its service level to the Pacific Northwest; Life Flight 5 in Eugene, Life Flight 6 in the Columbia River Gorge, and Life Flight 7 in Longview. In addition to two Portland based helicopters in Aurora and Hillsboro, two fixed wing aircraft are available for long-distance transports, including domestic and international flights.

Life Flight thanks everyone who has helped us safely perform our mission during the last 30 years. We embrace the future with confidence and enthusiasm, and will continue to work hard to earn the respect of the medical community and the patients we serve.