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Flying Ambulance Launches From Chiefland



A Phi Air Medical helicopter sits in an open field in Chiefland near the ambulance station for the Levy County Department of Public Safety there on Saturday afternoon (Aug. 25). A patient was transported to this landing and launching spot by an LCDPS EMS ambulance. Staff members and vehicles from the Chiefland Fire Rescue Department and the Levy County Sheriff's Office surround the field to prevent people from getting too close to the flying machine. A number of people came to watch the launch. This is similar to when the ShandsCair helicopters land to transport people to Gainesville.



A member of the Phi Air Medical rescue flight team gives the 'thumbs up' sign to the pilot.

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A team of medical professionals load the patient into the flying ambulance.



The helicopter launches and heads toward its destination.

https://youtu.be/qdBC_4YCAAs

This video shows the helicopter as it launches and heads toward its destination.

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