



# South Carolina Area Association of Air Medical Services

**Title:** Recommended Radio Contact

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## **Participating Programs**

AirLink – Wilmington, NC

Air Med – Augusta, GA

Carolina LifeCare, Conway, SC

Emory Flight – Jefferson, GA

LifeNet-Columbia, Camden, and Orangeburg,  
SC; Augusta, GA

LifeStar One – Savannah, GA

MedCenter Air – Charlotte, NC

MedTrans One – Greenville, SC, Ninety, Six, SC

MEDUCARE – Charleston, SC

Regional One – Spartanburg, SC

## **I. Background**

The South Carolina Area Association of Air Medical Services (SCAAAMS) was formed to promote safety and quality patient care among the air medical programs servicing South Carolina.

This document serves as a recommended policy for SCAAAMS members so that all member programs are properly informed of transports that are coming into or going out of member helipads by other member programs.

## **II. Purpose:**

- Improve patient and crew safety on each others helipads.
- Provide for the monitoring of each members flight operations for air safety purposes.
- Foster consistency among the programs providing air medical transportation in South Carolina.

## **III. Policy**

### **A. Radio Contact**

All member programs of SCAAAMS will notify member programs when landing at each others helipads by contacting each member's communication center via the published VHF radio frequency below. Radio contact shall be made no later than 10 minutes from estimated ETA when arriving and immediately before engine start and liftoff when leaving. Helicopters arriving or leaving must have radio contact with the member communications center so to avoid other aircraft arriving or departing and to notify construction cranes, security staff, maintenance staff, etc. This contact will improve safety by making sure helipads are secure and free of obstacles.

## Recommended Radio Contact

All member programs of SCAAAMS will monitor VHF Frequency 123.025 when possible and feasible in flight. This is the recommended air to air frequency as published by the Aeronautical Information Manual. It is strongly recommended that air medical aircraft inbound to medical facilities and scenes make a “in the blind” call using this frequency prior to landing and departing the facility or scene.

### B. Program VHF Radio Frequencies, Dispatch Numbers, and Call Sign

Air Link – Wilmington, NC	155.235 PL 186.2/ <b><u>800-282-5465</u></b>
Air Med – Augusta, GA	Tx: 151.1975 Rx:154.0025 PL051 (digital) for Both / <b><u>888-792-9245</u></b>
Carolina LifeCare, Conway, SC	Wulfsburg 155.325 PL 35 Techsonic 155.325 PL 179.9 Unicom 123.05 <b><u>800-423-1330</u></b>
LifeNet 1 , Columbia, SC	800MHz / <b><u>800-327-2611</u></b>
LifeNet 2, Camden, SC	800MHz / <b><u>800-327-2611</u></b>
LifeNet 3, Orangeburg, SC	800MHz / 800-327-2611
MCG LifeNet – Augusta, GA	Southern Link 800 MHz/ <b><u>877-957-5500</u></b>
Emory Flight – Jefferson, GA	Southern Link 800 MHz/ <b><u>888-763-1010</u></b>
LifeStar One – Savannah, GA	Southern LINC 1*17*2142 UHF 467.975 tx 462.975 rx PL 100.0 Aircraft 123.05 / <b><u>800-831-3259</u></b>
MedCenter Air – Charlotte, NC	.....155.325 pl 11 & 123.40 / 800-421-9195 / Flight Watch
MedTrans One – Greenville, SC	467.975 pl 123 / <b><u>877-682-7828</u></b>
MedTrans One- Ninety Six, SC	467.975 pl 123 / <b><u>877-682-7828</u></b>
MEDUCARE – Charleston, SC	Wulfsburg 155.325 PL 35 Technisonic 155.325 PL 179.9 Unicom 123.05 <b><u>800-423-1330</u></b>
Regional One – Spartanburg, SC	155.340 pl 85.4 Transmit and Receive / <b><u>866-682-7747</u></b>

### C. Program Helipad Latitudes & Longitudes

Air Link – Wilmington, NC	..... N 34 16.20 W 077 54.10 (Wilmington Intl Apt )
Air Med – Augusta, GA	..... N33 29.234 W82 05.776
Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia, SC	... N34 01.67 W081 01.99 (1-800-434-7222)
Emory Flight – Jefferson, GA	.... N34 10.40 W 83 33.63 (Jackson Airport)
Providence Heart Institute, Columbia, SC	. N 34 00.82 W 81 00.78 (1-800-327-2611 LifeNet Dispatch); Providence security (803-256-5690)
LifeStar One – Savannah, GA	..... N 32 01 W 81 05
MCG LifeNet – Augusta, GA	..... N33 28 .00 W 82 02.35 (Daniel Field)
MedCenter Air – Charlotte, NC	.... N35 12.2 W080 50.3
MedTrans One – Greenville, SC	... N34 48.80 W 82 24.70
MedTrans One – Ninety Six, SC	N 34 11 16 W 82 01 43
MEDUCARE – Charleston, SC	..... N 32 47.10 W 079 57.00
Regional One – Spartanburg, SC	... N34 57.91 W81 56.35