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FOR FRIENDS OF HEALTHNET
AEROMEDICAL SERVICES, INC.

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

More than
865,000
nautical miles flown



7,864 hours in flight



463 COVID-19 positive
patients transported

Program Highlights

- New EC145e helicopter purchased for Morgantown, West Virginia base
- Point-of-care ultrasound devices added to aircraft fleet
- Safety Department selected as recipient of National Safety in EMS Award
- Aircraft Mechanic Mark Godbey honored with Transport Mechanic Award of Excellence

Buckhannon Flight Team Participating in TEG Research Study

The Buckhannon, West Virginia, based flight team is participating in a research study on the use of Thromboelastography (TEG) in flight.

TEG is a non-invasive test that measure the ability of blood to form a clot.

The study is being conducted by Dr. James Bardes, Assistant Professor in Trauma, Acute Care Surgery and Surgical Critical Care at the West Virginia University School of Medicine. Using blood samples from healthy donors, TEG is conducted at the hospital and by the Base 6 flight team during non-patient flights. Dr. Bardes will compare the test results to determine if vibration from the helicopter or altitude have an impact on TEG.

The potential benefit of this study could be implementing point-of-care TEG. The study is funded by the United States Department of Defense.



Secured in the back of the Base 6 aircraft, this TEG machine tests blood samples to determine its clotting capacity.

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Team Member Spotlight

Ryan Greier, RN, FP-C
Flight Nurse



Even before graduating high school Ryan Greier was on the path to serving others. During his senior year, he spent his evenings taking an Emergency Medical Technician course. After graduation, he began working at KLG Mobile Intensive in Salem, Ohio and enrolled in the paramedic program at Youngstown State University.

He always had a feeling his EMS career would take flight.

“My dad has an aviation background. When I was young, we would often go watch helicopters fly into local hospitals. That’s the first time I can remember thinking about the idea of combining my love for aviation and the desire to take care of others,” said Greier.

In 2013, Ryan was hired as a flight paramedic for HealthNet Aeromedical Services. While his role was challenging, a push from a tenured flight nurse led him to pursue an associate degree in nursing.

“When I first started, they always put the least experienced flight paramedic with the most experienced flight nurse,” he said. “Ron Dotson challenged me to better myself. When I graduated from nursing school, he was there to pin me. That was so meaningful to me.”

After gaining the required three years of experience in an emergency medicine setting, Ryan officially transitioned to a flight nurse position at the Moundsville, West Virginia base in January 2022.

“I’m looking forward to putting my new skill set into action on the aircraft. While I feel more well-rounded in my education, I know that I will continue to learn from the flight paramedics I’ll now be working alongside,” he said.

Ryan says the most challenging job he has ever had is raising his two young sons. When not studying to complete his Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Ryan and his wife enjoy traveling to spend time with their families.



Customer Profile Logan Emergency Ambulance Service Authority

The Logan Emergency Ambulance Service Authority (LEASA) was established in Logan County, West Virginia in 1979 when the County Commission recognized the need for a uniform ambulance service in the region.

Through the years, LEASA has constantly evolved its service to fit the needs of its community. After contracting with private EMS agencies then utilizing volunteers, LEASA decided that operating its own stations with paid providers was the best option. Aid from an excess levy passed by voters made this vision a reality. By 1988, LEASA was operating six stations throughout the county. In 1998, the agency established one of the first Critical Care Transport services in the state.

The agency currently operates eight, 24-hour ambulances and responds to an average of 15,000 calls each year. To ensure the safety of the many visitors to the Hatfield and McCoy Trail System, LEASA also created an ATV Rescue Team.

LEASA provides many free educational and training opportunities to residents including car seat safety checks, CPR and first aid training, and Emergency Medical Technician courses. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency hosted testing events and assisted at testing sites throughout the county.

For decades, LEASA has worked hand in hand with HealthNet Aeromedical Services to safely transport critical patients to a higher level of care. This partnership allows LEASA to further its mission of providing quality emergency care to its county.

Celebrating Career Milestones

The heart of HealthNet Aeromedical Services is her people. Their daily efforts impact their communities and save lives.

Each year we celebrate service milestones of those who collectively make our program fly. A large celebration is held at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia, where team members are recognized before their family members and peers alike.

Recognizing the number of safely completed missions and total years of service are small ways to express gratitude to those who graciously give of themselves for the benefit of others.



Clinton Burley, President and CEO of HealthNet Aeromedical Services, welcomes guests to the Team Member Evening of Recognition.

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Clinton Burley
President and CEO

Team Member Awards



100 Flights or 5 Years of Service



1,000 Flights or 10 Years of Service



2,500 Flights or 15 Years of Service

FLIGHT TEAM



Whitney Archer
Flight Nurse, Base 2
122 Flights

Jeff Mayer
Flight Paramedic, Base 2
132 Flights

Jamie Betts
Flight Paramedic, Base 10
182 Flights

Erin Ridder
Flight Nurse, Base 1
194 Flights

Kayla Cahoon
Flight Paramedic, Base 9
200 Flights

Ciara Boggs
Flight Nurse, Base 8
212 Flights

Tim Stanley
Flight Paramedic, Base 10
331 Flights

Bry Christian
Flight Nurse, Base 9
401 Transports

MECHANICS



Curt Hastings
Mechanic, Base 10
5 Years of Service

AVIATORS



Hesham Ghali
Pilot, Base 7
5 Years of Service

Jen Goddard
Pilot, Base 9
5 Years of Service

Mark Huntley
Pilot, Base 10
5 Years of Service

Larie Wilson
Pilot, Base 9
5 Years of Service

FLIGHT TEAM



Eric Stemple
Flight Paramedic, Base 6
1,095 Flights

Bruce Champ
Flight Nurse, Base 10
1,191 Flights

Todd Fleming
Flight Nurse, Base 5
10 Years of Service

Jeremy Slone
Flight Paramedic, Base 7
10 Years of Service

FLIGHT TEAM



Dennis Wilson
Flight Paramedic &
Business Development
15 Years of Service

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