

AIR LINK

REGIONAL WEST

UPDATES



New Aircraft

Micki Votruba, RN, BSN, CFRN

Unless you look closely, you probably didn't realize we got a new aircraft! It is still a Bell 407 helicopter, but it is the GXi model which offers some upgraded safety features, including a reinforced windshield for bird strike safety, upgraded flight and navigation features, and a few other things the med crew does not understand, but the pilots get really geeked out about. If you like aviation, ask one of them about it some time. Next time you see the helicopter, see if you can spot the differences between it and the old one.

Here is what we are up to...

There are a lot of new (and the same ol' familiar) faces around here. We are so excited to be getting back out in the community, and our PR calendar is hopping! If we can help your service, provide a refresher on our LZ safety procedures, or train a new crew member on anything from airway management to running a mock code, we can develop something tailored to your needs.

Along with every other air medical service, we face challenges like the nationwide pilot shortage. The companies we partner with have done a great job of filling in most of the pilot staffing gaps. Since we have two modes (fixed and rotor), we can almost always service the area.

We have had a lot of great training sessions this year. We completed a high-risk obstetric training refresher and hosted a class on pediatric trauma.

We are excited to be getting a new certification—Advanced Ventilator Life Support—a newly developed certification. We will be one of the first to receive training in the area.

At the end of October we were thrilled to be able to host our

Education Conference after what seemed like a very long hiatus. In spite of some less than optimal weather conditions, we adapted and were still able to have a really great conference. We enjoyed seeing old friends and making new contacts. Plus, who doesn't like free continuing education?! Thank you to all who attended and provided great feedback so that we can start planning for 2024.

We sincerely appreciate your support and look forward to continuing to serve the area with you. In the meantime, stay safe out there!



New Director William Lattin

A Nebraska native, Will has served our country for the last 22 years as a member of the United States Marine Corps.

Will and his wife both have family in the area and are looking forward to exploring western Nebraska with their children and other family members.

New Membership Manager Robert Fisher

We want to thank Michelle Beeney for her years of service to Air Link and are happy to welcome Bob Fisher. Bob is eager to learn the area and help everyone with their membership needs. If you know of an event where he can set up a table, please, reach out to him with details!

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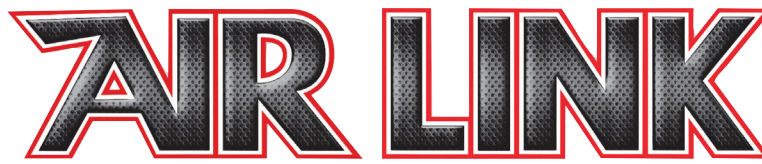
EDUCATION CONFERENCE



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(in case you missed it), we had a fantastic Education Conference on Saturday, Oct. 28! Thank you to all of our exceptional presenters and to flight nurse Trish Garner for making it all go so well. Getting us free CEs was the icing on the cake.





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EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Presenters

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Troy Dean, MD, FACEP, FAAEM

Medical Director, Regional West Emergency Medicine; Assistant Medical Director, Air Link

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Trish Garner, RN, BSN, CFRN

Air Link Flight Team

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Hunter Hix, BSN, RN, CCRN, TCRN, CNRN, CEN, CFRN

Advanced Ventilator Life Support

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Brian Jackson, MD, MA

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Section of Pediatric Critical Care; Medical Director of Clinical Ethics; Children's One PICU Medical Director

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Burt Katubig, MD

Trauma Services, Swedish Medical Center

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Jason Kotas, NREMT

EMS Outreach and Education Manager, Children's Hospital Colorado

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Laurin Proctor BSN, RN, CCRN

Burn Quality Specialist, Swedish Medical Center

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Robby Rhembrandt, NRP, FP-C, CCP-C NPT-C

Clinical Coordinator, Regional West Emergency Medical Services

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Cat Steinbach, MSN, RNC-NIC, CCRN

Outreach Clinical Education Specialist, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children

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Frank Tranfaglia

Trauma Program Manager, Swedish Medical Center

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Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Air Link
and Regional West Emergency Medical Services
Holiday Open House

and watched Santa and the Grinch arrive by helicopter. We had a great time, and our Air Link and EMS crews enjoyed seeing so many of our friends and neighbors.

