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**Roosevelt General Hospital Hosting New Air Ambulance Base**

Portales, NM - Patients with critical, or life-threatening, medical conditions will now receive quicker air ambulance transportation to regional and metropolitan hospitals due to TriState CareFlight opening a new base at Roosevelt General Hospital.

“TriState CareFlight is proud to continue expanding its air medical transport services throughout rural New Mexico,” said Scott Stamper, TSCF’s V.P. of Business Development. “The growing population of Portales deserves excellent and expedite care during critical moments of their lives. TriState CareFlight’s partnership with Roosevelt General Hospital further ensures the protection of lives throughout a 125-mile radius of Portales.”

For the Portales base, TriState CareFlight will station one of the fastest single jet engine helicopters in its class at Roosevelt General Hospital 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Augsta Koloa A119 will provide hospital-to-hospital transport as well as scene response within a 125-mile radius of Portales. The on-site helicopter is expected to decrease transportation times by at least 30 minutes.

“We are thrilled to have a TriState CareFlight helicopter on site to guarantee our patients will receive the highest medical quality and fastest transportation available,” said Dr. Larry Leaming, CEO. “We look forward to continuing this partnership to improve the medical care offered to Roosevelt County.”

“As a Level IV Trauma Center, our team’s primary role is to provide initial evaluation, assessment, stabilization and transfer of critical trauma patients to higher level trauma centers,” stated Cayce Devonshire, Assistant Director of Patient Care. “Welcoming CareFlight to the RGH Family is going to further complement our trauma center.”

TriState CareFlight and RGH will invite the community members to an open house to be scheduled in February.

TriState CareFlight has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport System. TSCF operates 22 bases throughout the Southwest U.S., including seven bases in New Mexico. For more information about TSCF, go to [www.tristatecareflightems.com](http://www.tristatecareflightems.com).

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