

Ready for takeoff



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Air Life Aviation Services manager Jessy Fontes takes a phone call from an Air Life pilot while finishing preparations for an Air Life helicopter to be based at the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District Station No. 2 on Monday in Frederick.

New AirLife helicopter starts service near area fire station

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FREDERICK — Muscling through stiff winds that whipped across the plains, AirLife Denver's new helicopter settled down on a concrete pad west of a Frederick fire station Monday.

"It was a little bit bumpy but not bad," pilot Jesse Fontes said. "It's going to stay here. This is its new home."

AirLife's new safety-enhanced helicopter will provide air ambulance service out of Frederick starting today, expanding the com-

pany's service area in northern Colorado and improving response times for patient transport.

"We've been working to make this happen for years and years and years. To see this come to fruition is very exciting," chief flight nurse Linda Gray said.

An unveiling ceremony will be held at 7:30 a.m. today at Frederick-Firestone Fire Station No. 2. Area business and civic leaders, the AirLife crew, firefighters and medics will welcome the chopper into service and talk with the public.



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