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ANOTHER HELICOPTER FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESCUE SERVICES

The KZN Department of Health is beefing up its emergency services in the province as a second rotor helicopter will be delivered tomorrow. Apart from having emergency care vehicles, highly trained paramedics, ERMS has a fixed wing aeroplane and 1 rotor helicopter, which are both based in Durban. But to ensure that aero medical care reaches all areas of KwaZulu-Natal, EMRS will take delivery of the second rotor helicopter in Richards Bay. The helicopter will respond to critical medical emergencies in areas in northern KwaZulu-Natal, which include, uThungulu, Mkhanyakude and Zululand Districts.

The delivery and handover of the helicopter will take place as follows:

DATE: 23 DECEMBER 2005

VENUE: RICHARDS BAY AIRPORT

TIME: 11H00

Just over a month ago Emergency Medical Rescue Services (EMRS) in the Provincial Department of Health launched Alpha Operations which saw the passing out parade 50 recruits as basic life support practitioners and the release of 50 of the 200 newly acquired fleet of ambulances.

Alpha Operation is a campaign aimed at having 100% operation and visibility on major routes in the province throughout the festive period.

TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR MEDIA.

IT WILL LEAVE OUTSIDE THE DURBAN PLAYHOUSE AT 08H30 TOMORROW MORNING.

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