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Parkview Samaritan Adds GPS Approaches

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After a lengthy process, the FAA has approved five new hospital GPS instrument approaches exclusively for our Samaritan Flight Program. The approaches were set up by Hickok and Associates, Inc. out of Orange Beach, Alabama. This is a tremendously useful tool that will help increase safety for the transportation of our patients as well as provide another option for mitigating risk when the weather starts to deteriorate and go below VFR minimums.

The Samaritan Pilots are very excited that we are now able to take advantage of our IFR training and operations to these facilities with the placements of the approaches. We are very fortunate that our hospital supports an IFR program and aircraft as an extra layer of safety to our patients and crew. Being an IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) program greatly enhances the overall safety of the patients and crew and increases the operational capabilities of the aircraft during periods of poor weather conditions such as low cloud ceilings and restricted flight visibility conditions like rain and fog.



Hospital Air Ambulance (HAA) operators adhere to very strict weather minimums under the rules of the FAA. Visual Flight Rules (VFR) allows pilots to fly solely off of visual ground references. Basically, pilots flying under VFR conditions need to have the cloud ceiling above 1000 feet and need to have flight visibility of more than three miles. The FAA allows helicopters to operate slightly below these minimums under certain conditions, but is still very restrictive. Having the new Helicopter RNAV (GPS) approaches, in addition to the IFR approved aircraft and a current instrument rated pilot, allows our program to fly in much lower weather conditions safely and efficiently when the cloud ceilings and flight visibility become restricted.

The five new hospital approaches include PRMC, Parkview LaGrange, Marion General Hospital, Logansport Memorial, and Community Howard Regional Health in Kokomo. These approaches are in addition to the existing approach for Parkview Randallia. The five new approaches will additionally have approved departure procedures as well as approved en route segments to give the pilots additional help in navigating.

The new approaches will add to the overall safety and long-term stability for the Parkview Samaritan Program. These approaches will be shared with our IFR operating partners to ensure their safe operations in and out of these facilities.

Samaritan Nurse Biography

Lora Horvath, BSN, CFRN

After receiving her BSN from Valparaiso University in 2001, Lora began her nursing career in the Intensive Care Unit at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Her next move took her to Rochester working at Woodlawn Hospital. Woodlawn is where she gained many of her basic nursing skills on the Medical/Surgical unit. Lora then accepted a full time nursing position in the Emergency Department. At that time, Fulton County EMS was stationed in the ER. This is where Lora began working closely with EMS. In 2008 Lora joined the Samaritan Flight crew based in Rochester; first as part time nurse moving to full time within her first year. She obtained her professional certification as a Certified Flight Registered Nurse in 2013. She serves as a member of the Education Committee, Quality Management Committee, and helps with orientation of new crew members.

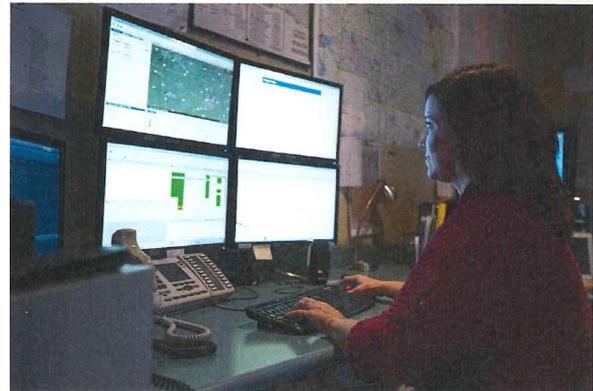


Lora and her husband Dave have 2 children: Ainsley 6 and Everett 3.

Samaritan Dispatch Biography

Jenny Fryback, CCEMT-P, EMD-A, CFC

This month we are highlighting one of our dedicated Emergency Dispatch employees, Jenny Fryback. Jenny has been involved in EMS for 15 years, 11 of those years as a Paramedic. Jenny currently stays proficient with her Paramedic skills by working part time at Northeast Fire/EMS and New Haven Fire/EMS. This gives her valuable insight to not only dispatching a transport vehicle, but also receiving those calls. There is critical information that a Dispatcher must gain from an incoming call in order for the emergency crew to be prepared for the transport. It is possible to have more than one helicopter in the air at the same time as ten ground ambulances. Parkview requires all Dispatch employees to hold an Emergency Medical Dispatch Certification. Jenny also is a Certified Flight Communicator.



Jenny has two adult daughters, Morgan and Olivia. Her favorite activities include traveling, comedy and live music.