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## EMSA Extends Condolences to Victims of Kern County Air Ambulance Crash

SACRAMENTO – The profession of emergency medical services is inherently dangerous and regularly puts providers at personal risk while providing rescue and medical care to others. Today, EMSA, in concert with California's EMS community, extend our deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the three SkyLife crew members and one patient who died in a tragic air ambulance crash while en route to San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield.

"This is a sad day for California's EMS community. Together with my colleagues at the Emergency Medical Services Authority and with our medical and first responder colleagues across the state, we send heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of the crash victims, and sincere gratitude for their devotion to a profession dedicated to helping others," commented EMSA Director, Dr. Howard Backer.

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