



# **Children's Memorial Hospital Heliport Proposal**

**December 17, 2008**

## **Agenda**

**Set the context for heliport safety concerns**

**Present and discuss expert opinions**

- **Gene Doub**
- **Thomas Corke**

**Discuss and agree next steps**

**Today we will address several questions**

**Why is the community concerned about the safety of CMH's heliport proposal?**

**Why did we seek independent expert review of the proposal?**

**What do the reviewers have to say?**

**Why is the community concerned about the safety of CMH's  
heliport proposal?**

**In 1986 NMH abandoned its helipad plan for Olson Pavilion**

**“ ... the prospective operators of the helicopter services revised and lowered their estimates of the percentage of time they believed the proposed pad on Olson could be used safely, considering historical wind and weather patterns for that site.”**

***Gary Mecklenburg, President, Northwestern Memorial Hospital 5/19/86***

**“ ... the helipad could be used safely only 40% of the time.”**

***Alderman Burton F. Natarus 5/21/86***

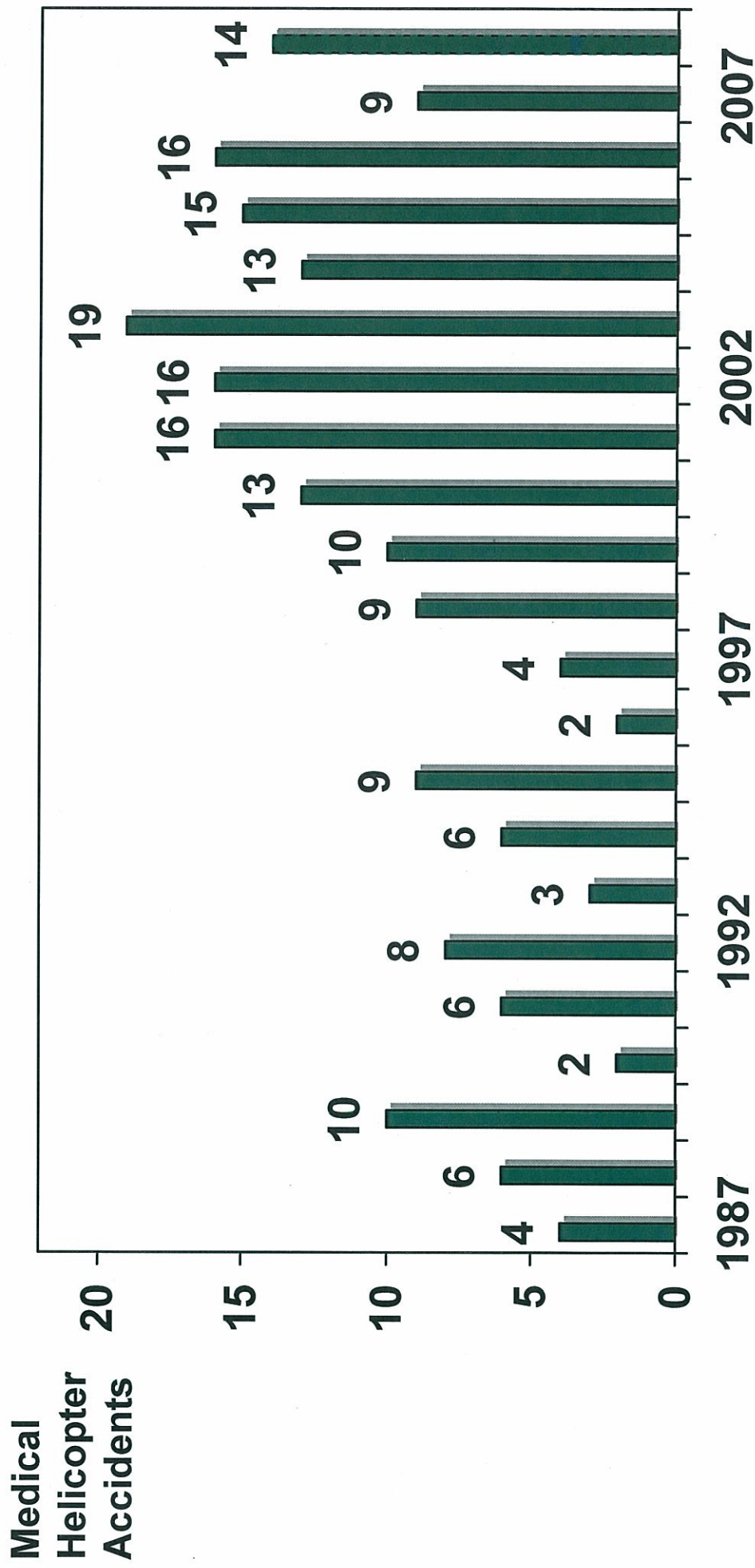


**There have been 14 HEMS accidents in 2008 . . .**

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<b>May 21</b>	<b>Caffrey Heliport (Hiram, GA)</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>Spectrum Hospital (Grand Rapids, MI)</b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Lehigh Valley Hospital (Pottsville, PA)</b>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Huntsville Memorial Hospital (Huntsville, TX)</b>
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Accident Site (Ash Fork, AZ)</b>
<b>June 29</b>	<b>Flagstaff Medical Center (Flagstaff, AZ)<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>Doctors Hospital (Augusta, GA)</b>
<b>Aug 31</b>	<b>Rush Memorial Hospital (Rushville, IN)</b>
<b>Sept 27</b>	<b>Prince Georges Hospital (Cheverly, MD)</b>
<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>Children's Memorial Hospital (Chicago, IL)</b>

(1) The NTSB has two accident records for the 6/29/08 mid-air collision, one for each medical helicopter involved

**... but 2008 is not an anomaly**  
 (13.5 HEMS accidents per year since 1998)



Source: Humanitarian Research Services, Inc. (Data from January 1, 1987 through October 15, 2008)

**... But 2008 is the deadliest year on record**  
(28 people have died, including 5 patients)

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