Flight for Life Colorado
Lakewood, CO

Saturday, August 12
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 13
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Flight for Life Colorado is a not-for-profit critical care transport program that was established in 1972. We are a CAMTS-accredited program that operates 24/7/365 with 6 helicopters, 3 fixed wing aircraft, 3 Critical Care ambulances, and 2 ALS/BLS ambulances, covering a nine-state region. Flight for Life’s specialty services include neonatal critical care including high frequency ventilation and delivery of nitric oxide, and avalanche rescue response in partnership with Search and Rescue teams. The program completes about 7,000 transports each year, including national and international flights.

Our Communications Center is staffed 24hrs a day with 2 Critical Care Communications Specialists, and a third dedicated to the ALS/BLS ambulances. We receive approximately 12,000 calls a year via radio and telephone, inquiring about our service. FFL works very closely with 911 Communications Centers, local EMS agencies, Search and Rescue groups, ski patrols, and medical facilities in Colorado.

One of the most complex missions that our program responds to is the request for avalanche rescue. For these flights by helicopter, the Communications Center coordinates the delivery of the avalanche search dog and his handler and a snow safety technician, via a FFL helicopter to the site of the slide, with the medical team on standby from a staging area nearby. These are truly time-critical responses that require efficient and organized work on the part of the Communications Specialists, and careful tracking of our helicopter and crewmembers at these remote sites in the back country.