

## FLY QUIET PROGRAM

The Airport Commission invited companies who supported or operated helicopter service in the Palm Springs region to a meeting on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Palm Springs Airport. The meeting was well attended by those who have some involvement with helicopter flights and personnel from the PS Airport.

After preliminary discussion over flight routes, everyone was reminded of the 'Fly Quiet' program initiated by the Palm Springs City Council in 1992.

Discussions then progressed to clarify flight routes to Desert Hospital. Some of the operators were not clear or aware of the agreed upon fly route to Desert Region when coming in from the east.

In my remarks to the attendees, I made it clear that the helicopter service and Desert Regional Hospital have been very cooperative and good partners with the residents in the Movie Colony. There have been minimal incidents where helicopters take a direct route to the hospital and fly low over the homes.

Everyone agreed that the Tahquitz Canyon/Indian Canyon streets should be followed when landing at Desert Regional. However, we may have an occasional direct flight when winds or unusual weather necessitates a change in flight pattern.

This was a positive meeting with everyone who is involved in flight operations agreeing to follow the pre-established route.

If anyone has a complaint, you are urged to call the 'noise line' at the PS Airport, **318-3800 x 5276**, where you can leave a voice mail explaining the issue.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For those Movie Colony residents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hospital, you can also call the nurse's supervisor desk and advise them that the helicopter that just landed flew directly over your home, in some cases you can leave a voice mail and they will follow up on your concern.

They have been very helpful when I call by advising the pilot of the flight zone. This occurs in those rare instances where we have an out of county helicopter.

Of course, when we have heavy wind conditions the flight path to the hospital will vary for safety reasons.

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