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## **GUARDIAN FLIGHT INC. ANNOUNCES THE PURCHASE OF THEIR FIRST SOLOY AS350SD1 HELICOPTER**

*The Soloy SD1 displayed in Soloy Aviation Solutions Booth 713 has been purchased by Alaska's Guardian Flight Inc. The helicopter will be added to their existing fleet of Lear 35's and King Air fixed wing aircraft.*

Guardian Flight Inc operates the only Fairbanks based air ambulance service providing critical care transport across the state, into Canada and the lower 48.

Soloy Aviation Solutions is the industry leader in engine accessory applications and re-engine modifications for helicopters and fixed wing aircraft. In-house capabilities include design, analysis, testing and manufacturing under an FAA approved quality system.

Owner of Guardian Flight Inc, Dr Eric Sterling, states,

"Our area of operation covers all of Alaska, east into the Yukon Territory, south to Seattle and as far as Florida if necessary.

With our ground ambulances and pressurized aircraft, Guardian Flight crews care for the patient bed-to-bed during interfacility transports. From rural locations, the patient is cared for from point-of-care to the hospital. Guardian Flight has specialty teams for neonatal/infant/pediatric transports, maternity emergencies, complicated ventilator patients, and non-urgent arranged medical charters to or from any Alaskan community. We give caregivers accurate times for liftoff and arrival. Our average time from rural callouts to departure is 42 minutes. We have the capability to do multiple concurrent flights when needed.

Guardian's level of care is second to none in Alaska. We adhere to National Consensus Standards for Critical Care (CAMTS); we train frequently with our physician owner. Consultation is immediately available via satellite phone from the field or the aircraft. Guardian Flight has full-time, dedicated, experienced pilots and uses two-pilot crews for maximum safety. FAA certified Guardian employees perform aircraft maintenance on our privately owned planes.

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Within minutes of a call, a Guardian Flight communication specialist sets in motion a coordinated emergency response network by contacting pre-hospital flight and medical teams, arranging for ground transportation and coordinating transfers between the referring facility and the receiving hospital. The Communication Center is equipped with a sophisticated flight-tracking program. Each and every call is unique and Guardian Flight's strength is in making things happen safely and quickly for the best patient care.

Our Dutch Harbor satellite base serves the communities of the Aleutian Chain and our Sitka and Ketchikan satellite bases serve the communities of southeast Alaska”.

Guardian Flight maintains its leading edge with the highest level of continuing education for both the medical crews and pilots. Their safety record is impeccable. Their primary operating base is located on the main runway at Fairbanks International Airport, enabling efficient takeoff and arrival patterns with minimal delays. Their Sitka and Ketchikan outstations are also located at their respective primary airports with all aircraft on 24/7 alert status for urgent MEDEVAC requirements.

With their own Part 135 Commercial FAA certificate, the flight and medical crews are all working together as an efficient, caring team. They do not "stack" flights. The aircraft are always fueled, equipped for any emergency, preflighted, and kept in a heated, secure hangar. Knowledge of interior Alaska caregiver capabilities also helps greatly in the care of patients.

Guardian Flight was started in 1997 by Frontier Flying Service and grew rapidly over the following three years. In 2000, Guardian Flight separated and emerged as a stand-alone, privately owned, critical care air ambulance service with the main base in Fairbanks, covering interior Alaska. Guardian Flight established a satellite base in Sitka, Alaska in 2004 and added an additional satellite base in Ketchikan, Alaska in 2005 to better serve southeast Alaskan Communities.

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Guardian Flight's SD1 will soon be placed in service in Alaska operating from their Ketchikan base.

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