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ORNGE DEPLOYS PILATUS PC-12 AIRCRAFT IN SIOUX LOOKOUT
New aircraft to make transport medicine service more efficient and sustainable

Toronto, ON – Ornge, Ontario’s transport medicine service, is pleased to announce the permanent deployment of one of its new Pilatus PC-12 airplanes in Sioux Lookout. The purchase of a fleet of these new, medically-equipped airplanes, flown by Ornge pilots, was announced in October 2008.

Deployment of the new fleet began in Thunder Bay this summer. Sioux Lookout is the second location where Ornge has commenced using the new Pilatus to provide service for patients requiring advanced and critical care during transport.

Ornge is delighted to continue the deployment of its new state-of-the-art Pilatus aircraft in Sioux Lookout, an extremely important base for transport medicine operations in the North, said Dr. Chris Mazza, Ornge president and CEO.

“We are committed to delivering a high-quality service to residents of Sioux Lookout and throughout Northern Ontario, and to providing them with the freedom to live and work where they choose without worrying about access to health care,” Dr. Mazza said.

Ornge’s business strategy, which includes hiring pilots and purchasing both fixed and rotor-wing aircraft, is consistent with its ongoing efforts to make the province’s medical transport service more sustainable and efficient. This new business model will not only enable Ornge to contain the escalating costs associated with transport medicine services, but more importantly it will allow it to enhance and expand services for Ontario patients.

ABOUT ORNGE

Ornge operates from a number of bases across the province of Ontario and performs more than 18,000 admissions annually. It coordinates all aspects of Ontario’s aero medical transport system, the new critical care land transport program, and the authorization of air and land ambulance transfers between hospitals. Ornge is dedicated to the provision of high quality patient care through innovative transport medicine.