



Ornge Issues Update Regarding Scene Call, March 26, 2010

TORONTO, March 26, 2010 – Information regarding an Ornge aircraft hitting a wire when departing a scene call in the area of the QEW and Erin Mills Parkway was voluntarily reported to all applicable agencies this morning.

Ornge is committed to providing the highest quality, safe patient transports. We take this matter seriously and are conducting our own investigation into the matter.

The helicopter sustained minor damage which is being repaired. The helicopter has been inspected by a technical representative from manufacturer Sikorsky, and is slated to return to service tomorrow. A backup helicopter was brought into service as quickly as possible to ensure continuity of care.

The two pilots and two paramedics aboard the aircraft were not injured. Ornge would like to reiterate our thanks to members of the public and the media who have called to express concern regarding the safety of our crew.

ABOUT ORNGE

Ornge operates from bases across the province of Ontario and performs more than 20,000 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.

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