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# WORK WITH US

## // BECOME AN AIR METHODS MECHANIC

Detail-oriented. Self-starter. Team player. These are the qualities that make an Air Methods mechanic successful. Together with the pilot and medical crew, Air Methods field mechanics are an essential part of the team that ensures the aircraft is mission ready.

Field mechanics are tasked with a myriad of responsibilities while performing air medical aircraft maintenance, including planning maintenance efficiently and effectively to maximize aircraft availability. The pride of ownership and autonomy for maintaining an aircraft to airworthy condition and hangar facilities to the highest standard are two of the many rewarding benefits of being an Air Methods field mechanic.

# WORKING IN EMS

Air Methods is the largest provider of air medical emergency transport services in the United States. Annually, the company flies close to 150,000 air medical flight hours and transports nearly 100,000 patients who require intensive medical care from either the scene of an accident or general care hospitals to highly-skilled trauma centers or tertiary care centers. Air Methods has operations at nearly 300 bases that serve 48 states and is headquartered in Englewood, Colo. The company's air medical fleet is one of the most modern in the industry today and consists of more than 450 helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft. Since 2008, the company has added nearly 100 new aircraft, with the majority replacing older model aircraft.



## MECHANIC WORK LIFE

The nature of helicopter EMS requires a field mechanic to work non-traditional hours. Due to the schedule, mechanics go to the location where the aircraft is based, perform the maintenance (including preventative maintenance), complete necessary paperwork, and then go home. This philosophy encourages adequate rest to ensure optimum performance when on duty. Field mechanics are guaranteed pay for 40 hours a week, and Air Methods strives to schedule field mechanics every other weekend off.

Mechanics at a base where there is normally only one assigned mechanic are expected to be available by cell phone at all times. At bases where there are two or more assigned mechanics, at least one mechanic must be available by pager at all times. At bases with multiple mechanics, it is expected that off-duty mechanics are reasonably available to the on-duty mechanics in the event

of an unscheduled maintenance event and available to work during periods of heavy scheduled maintenance.

Because of the scope of Air Methods operations, mechanics are afforded many opportunities for upward career mobility. If qualified, mechanics can move up from a field mechanic position to a lead mechanic, to a regional maintenance manager, and even to the regional maintenance director position. Additionally, if a field mechanic is willing to relocate, he/she can choose from nearly 300 bases across the nation.

Air Methods' field mechanics are expected to maintain a professional appearance during work and when representing the company; therefore uniforms are supplied to all field-based maintenance personnel. Air Methods also has a tool reimbursement policy for its mechanics.

## GETTING STARTED

Air Methods has set the following minimum standards for its mechanic selection process:

- FAA A&P license
- Advanced electrical troubleshooting skills
- Refined vibration-balancing skills
- Prefer five years experience with turbine-engine helicopters/airplanes (for Lead position)
- Two years turbine aircraft maintenance experience
- Prefer two years of specific model aircraft experience (for Lead position)
- Prefer two years experience with turbine-engine helicopters/airplanes
- Prefer Inspection Authorization (IA)
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Prefer two years helicopter field experience
- Factory-approved or equivalent school on assigned aircraft



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## **THE HIRING PROCESS**

In order to be considered as an official Air Methods candidate, you must apply online through our website. E-mailed and paper resumes will not be accepted. The recruiter and hiring manager will review your resume and qualified candidates will be contacted and put through a series of phone and on-site interviews to determine knowledge and suitability.

## **THE TRAINING PROGRAM**

Initial mechanic training is conducted over a five-day period at the national training center in Colorado and includes review and/or instruction on the following:

- Air Methods' operational expectations, FAR Part 135 Manual, maintenance memos and notices, and FARs as they apply to Air Methods
- Completion and distribution of Air Methods' documentation
- Maintenance record-keeping processes such as airframe and engine logbooks, weight and balance, equipment lists, and component historical records
- Proper ordering, receiving, storing, packing and shipping of parts
- Use of Aircraft Status Sheets and FAA Form 337s
- Hazmat Policies and Procedures
- Anti-Drug/Alcohol Program
- Computer software training

## **RECURRENT MECHANIC TRAINING**

During the year, Air Methods also schedules training on specialized subjects such as autopilot maintenance and field level engine maintenance at centralized field locations. These are usually two- to four-day classes.

