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Santa Cruz County Health Service Agency Selects DigiWx™ AWOS

Baltimore, MD – August 10, 2006. The Health Service Agency of Santa Cruz County, California has just completed installation of a Belfort Instrument DigiWx AWOS automated weather observation system. The weather reporting system was installed at the Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz to support emergency medical helicopter flights into the hospital's emergency department and to facilitate transfers of major trauma victims to the three trauma centers in a neighboring county.

The DigiWx automatically reports wind speed, wind direction and wind gusts, temperature, relative humidity, atmospheric pressure and visibility to the helicopter pilots via the County's communication network.

"We installed a satellite guided helicopter approach with the help of Satellite Technologies of Tennessee that enabled us to enhance the safety of our EMS operations", this according to Celia Barry, EMS Manager for Santa Cruz County. She continues "Adding the Belfort DigiWx weather station just added another layer of safety in our emergency transportation infrastructure to the benefit of the county."

Dominican Hospital was established in 1941 and now has a total of 379 acute care beds located at two campuses. The hospital has been a member of Catholic Healthcare West since 1988.

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