

LANDING ZONE SETUP

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- MERCY 105 will contact you on your operational channel.
- Your MDC may be used to get GPS coordinates; communicate them directly to ECSSO.

CONES OR FLARES

LZ SETUP

- Assign LZ coordinator / ground contact for pilot
- 100' x 100' square perimeter is optimal
- Find and report ALL LZ obstacles (trees, wires, poles, buildings etc.)
- Report Wind Direction to pilot (SLOW-MEDIUM-FAST)
- Surface should be firm, clear and level (less than 5% grade) CONSIDER:
 - Watering down area when loose material (sand, bark dust etc.) is present
- AT NIGHT – turn off emergency lighting. NEVER direct a light at the helicopter.
- Should look for a safe approach and departure path clear of wires, poles, antennas, buildings, and trees.
- Keep civilians back 100' minimum from LZ area.
- Protect everyone from rotor wash.
- EVERYONE stays clear of rotors at all times and never approach until called in by pilot.

WIND ↓

- **Tell the pilot where the LZ is in relation to a landmark.**
 - Use the clock method to do this.
- **EXAMPLE:**
 - LZ is at your 3 o'clock. Be aware of a cell tower 500' ahead at your 11 o'clock.

