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Press Release

AIR-ONE moves base of operations to Lake County

May 10, 2012 – Waukegan, IL The AIR-ONE Emergency Response Coalition is pleased to announce the opening of its new base of operations at the Waukegan Regional Airport in Lake County, Illinois. The 11,000 square foot hangar and office facility at Waukegan Regional Airport is being provided through the support of Landmark Aviation, the airport's main fixed base operation, corporate air charter and aircraft maintenance company.

“We have long had our sights set on operating out of the Waukegan airport”, said Mike Bitton, AIR-ONE’s Director of Operations. “Lake County is the hub from which our services are provided, and thanks to Landmark Aviation we are now able to have a physical presence there. Our service, which is provided by over 60 volunteer pilots and flight officers who are all professional law enforcement and fire/rescue first responders, exists to aid the public during emergency situations. Being able to launch our search & rescue helicopters from within Lake County enhances our response time to the local agencies who call upon us every day.” Bitton added.

AIR-ONE is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization, providing air support for search & rescue, law enforcement, fire service, emergency management, homeland security and counter-terrorism missions throughout the region. AIR-ONE also has a base of operation at Rockford Airport, and an aircraft storage hangar at Freeport Airport.

At the Waukegan Operations Hangar, AIR-ONE has one Bell OH-58 helicopter stationed for mission-ready status. Two additional OH-58 helicopters and one Bell UH-1 “Huey” helicopter will be stationed in Waukegan over the coming weeks.

Additional information about AIR-ONE is available on-line at <http://www.AirSupport.org>.

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