THU 9/15/16 MIN MAG: NEW TRAUMASTAR

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THE KEYS' NEW TRAUMA-STAR AIR-AMBULANCE

HAS BEEN CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF.

THE 2002 SIKORSKY S-76 HELICOPTER CAN CARRY 2 PATIENTS, 2 PILOTS, AND UP TO 4 MEDICS AND FLIGHT NURSES.

THE CHOPPER WAS PREVIOUSLY FLOWN BY ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL... AND WAS ACQUIRED BY THE COUNTY EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR 2.5-MILLION DOLLARS.

MONROE COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE CHIEF JIM CALLAHAN SAYS... THE NEW COPTER WILL NOT REPLACE THE COUNTY'S CURRENT 1981 MODEL...

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[:31] HELICOPTER OUT THERE FLYING 24-7-365

CHIEF CALLAHAN SAYS THE NEW TRAUMA-STAR WILL BE PRESSED INTO SERVICE BEGINNING IN OCTOBER.

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