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Charles F. Swearingen Named 2025 Recipient of the Tim Hynes Award

Washington, DC — The International College of Advanced Practice Paramedics (I-CAPP) is proud to announce Charles F. Swearingen, BS, NRP, FP-C, as the 2025 recipient of the prestigious **Tim Hynes Award**, the highest honor awarded by the organization. Presented annually at the Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference (CCTMC), the award recognizes exemplary contributions to leadership, education, and safety in the paramedic profession.

Charles “Charlie” Swearingen stands as a paragon of excellence and commitment in the world of critical care transport. With more than 20 years of distinguished service in EMS and flight paramedicine, Charlie has consistently demonstrated visionary leadership, innovative educational contributions, and a profound dedication to advancing the standards of patient care.

As the founder and lead educator of MeduPros, an education company focused on critical care transport training, Charlie has revolutionized clinician preparation through resources such as the widely respected *Vent Hero Online Course*, immersive certification prep programs, and the innovative *Guided Patient Scenarios (GPS)* virtual platform. His published works—over ten books, including *Vent Hero: Advanced Transport Ventilator Management* and *Swearingen’s Resource and Study Guide for Critical Care Transport Clinicians*—serve as foundational texts for clinicians worldwide.

Charlie currently serves as a flight paramedic with UMMC’s AirCare program in Mississippi, where he applies his clinical acumen in high-pressure, dynamic environments. In every mission, he upholds the gold standard of care, contributing to better patient outcomes and elevating the performance of the care team around him.

Beyond his clinical and educational impact, Charlie is a Paralympian who represented Team USA in sitting volleyball at the 2016 Rio Games. His community engagement extends through mentorship initiatives and charitable work with organizations like Chive Charities, reflecting a life devoted to service, resilience, and empowerment.



The Tim Hynes Award honors the legacy of one of I-CAPP's founding members, Tim Hynes, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty in 1998. Renamed from the original Flight Paramedic of the Year Award, it reflects the highest standards of leadership, clinical excellence, and dedication to safety in the paramedic profession. Tim was widely respected for his mentorship, commitment to improving patient care, and advancing the safety of the air medical transport environment. The award continues to recognize individuals—like Charlie Swearingen—whose careers embody the values and passion that defined Tim's contributions to the field.

The award presentation took place during the CCTMC in St. Louis, MO, where leaders from across the EMS and critical care transport community gathered to celebrate his achievements.

About I-CAPP

The International College of Advanced Practice Paramedics (I-CAPP) is the leading international organization dedicated to advocacy, leadership, professional development, and educational advancement for critical care and specialty paramedics. I-CAPP promotes standards and innovation that shape the future of paramedicine.

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