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IAFCCP Announces 2020 Tim Hynes Award Recipient

Every year, the IAFCCP selects an exceptional paramedic who has demonstrated leadership and paramedic professionalism. This year, the International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics (IAFCCP) is pleased to announce that Josh Steele from Hospital Wing in Memphis, Tennessee is the 2020 *Tim Hynes Award* recipient.

The *Tim Hynes Award* recognizes exemplary abilities in leadership, education and safety within the paramedic profession. Tim Hynes was a founding member of the Association who was passionate about his profession. He lost his life, along with his crew, when their helicopter crashed while on a rescue mission in 1998. The IAFCCP changed the name of the *Flight Paramedic of the Year Award* to the *Tim Hynes Award* to honor Tim's spirit and contributions to our profession. Mr. Steele was selected because he exemplifies Tim's commitment to critical care transport.

Mr. Steele started HEMS flying in 2008 and has proven himself to be a leader and an educator in this field, with an ultimate goal to improve patient outcomes. "From the time he started, I immediately recognized that he had a passion for building up clinicians to perform at the optimal level," said Billy Casey, Director of Clinical Education. "He has made it his primary goal to uplift our profession and expand our scope of practice. This includes him ensuring that we added blood products, ultrasound, and a complete new set of critical care guidelines that brought Hospital Wing into the future of critical care transport medicine," he added. In his leadership role, Mr. Steele also developed a successful, comprehensive outreach education platform to further augment the EMS community in the Memphis area.

Mr. Steele holds a master's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Administration and serves as Director of Clinical Operations for Hospital Wing.

Embodying the spirit of Tim Hynes and the HEMS industry, the IAFCCP humbly recognizes Josh as the deserving recipient of this year's Award. His dedication, direction, and ambition to improve the paramedic profession are noteworthy and worthy of this recognition. Mr. Steele is the 22nd recipient of this prestigious award. The official award presentation will be made during the IAFCCCP Membership Meeting held at the Air Medical Transport Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on November 3rd, 2020.

ABOUT THE IAFCCP

Founded in 1986, the National Flight Paramedic Association, currently known as the International Association of Flight & Critical Care Paramedics, is the largest independent paramedic association in the world. Our focus is the professional paramedic and our purpose is to serve as advocates to the profession on an international basis. IAFCCP members are involved in transporting critical care patients by airplane, helicopter and ground ambulance.

The IAFCCP continues to provide advocacy, leadership development and educational opportunities for critical care paramedics. Our website is a valuable resource for everyone interested in the evolving field of critical care paramedicine and provides an increased level of service to our members, and supports our mission of representation, education and development of our profession.

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