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IAFCCP Announces 2021 Tim Hynes Award Recipient

Julius McAdams has been selected as the International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics (IAFCCP)'s recipient of the 2021 Tim Hynes Award. McAdams, who has been with New Hanover Regional Medical Center, now part of Novant Health, since 1996, embodies the spirit of the Tim Hynes Award, which recognizes exemplary leadership, education and safety within the paramedic profession.

Tim Hynes was a founding member of the International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics. He died in a helicopter crash 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 the profession.

McAdams has worked as a paramedic, flight paramedic, SWAT team paramedic, field training officer, operations supervisor, and most recently, base lead at NHRMC. His rapidly advancing career is attributed to his natural leadership abilities, a "can-do" attitude, and his impeccable character. "Julius has two characteristics that set him apart from most: his keen determination to master new things and then to share his knowledge willingly with others, and his drive to be the best person he can be and never quit," said John Popella, NHRMC director critical care transport.

His most notable accomplishments during his tenure at NHRMC include boosting operational readiness to improve aircraft lift times and streamline the bases' standby process; forging relationships with the leadership of several local EMS systems and airport authorities to collaboratively improve weather reporting for the medical flight crews; and actively promoting

and enhancing organizational safety. McAdams led the research and recommendation process for the purchase of quality PPE to improve provider safety while they treated highly infectious COVID-19 patients.

A passionate educator, Julius has co-written and taught NHRMC's annual system-wide CRM training, served as preceptor, and presented critical care topics at national EMS conferences.

"Julius has been a pillar of positivity, leadership, education and professionalism on our team," said Kevin Collopy, NHRMC clinical outcomes and compliance manager. "His true energy shines in his leadership traits."

McAdams' demonstrative commitment to improving safety and his passion to educate others deems him worthy of this recognition. Mr. McAdams is the 23rd recipient of this prestigious award. The official award presentation will be made on May 18, during the Critical Care Medicine Conference (CCTMC), held in Orange Beach, Alabama.

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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