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### **I-CAPP Announces 2023 Tim Hynes Award Recipient**

Every year, the I-CAPP selects an exceptional paramedic who has demonstrated leadership and paramedic professionalism. This year, the International College of Advanced Practice Paramedics (ICAPP) is pleased to announce that Weyshawn Koons from San Juan Island EMS in San Juan, Washington is the 2023 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 I-CAPP 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. Ms. Koons was selected because she exemplifies Tim's passion for EMS education and leadership.

Ms. Koons, having attained multiple degrees and certifications throughout her career, was the very first rural provider to attend and pass the world-renowned University of Washington / Harborview Medic One Paramedic Training Program in July 1997. She has held several positions with San Juan Island EMS working as an EMT, a ground Paramedic and the Director of Emergency Response and Training Officer for the last 17 years, and she currently works as a flight paramedic with Island Air Ambulance.

Ms. Koons is considered a legend in Washington's emergency medical services being the county subject matter expert in EMS training and education for nearly two decades. She is also one of the longest certified Washington State Department of Health Senior EMS Instructors and EMS Evaluators. In addition to her response duties as a paramedic, she sacrificed countless hours teaching and mentoring senior EMS instructors during their instructor candidacy and renewing many over the years. She has onboarded, mentored, and trained every new EMT and paramedic entering San Juan Island EMS system.

Because of her tenacity for educating and training responders and bystanders in quality high performance CPR, defibrillation skills, and activating the chain of survival, she is credited for San Juan islands having one of the highest cardiac arrest survival rates in the United States.

Exemplifying the spirit of Tim Hynes, the I-CAPP recognizes Ms. Koons as the deserving recipient of this year's Award. Her dedication and personal commitment to the paramedic profession is significant and worthy of this recognition. The official award presentation was made during the CCTMC in Denver, Colorado on April 18, 2023.

#### ABOUT THE I-CAPP

Founded in 1986, the National Flight Paramedic Association, currently known as the International College of Advanced Practice 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.

The I-CAPP 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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