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VITALS Foundation Announces 2026 SMTA Scholarship Recipient

Alexandria, VA – The VITALS Foundation for Medical Transport Professionals is proud to announce that **Jon Lovejoy** has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Safety Management Training Academy (SMTA) Scholarship.

As part of this award, Lovejoy will attend SMTA, taking place August 10–13, 2026, in Grapevine, Texas. Hosted by the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS), SMTA is the industry's leading safety education program, providing an intensive curriculum focused on safety management systems, risk mitigation, and leadership development for medical transport professionals. AAMS is the leading international trade association representing the air and ground medical transport community, advancing safety, quality, and patient care through advocacy, collaboration, and education.

Lovejoy serves as Assistant Chief Pilot at Life Link III, where he advances safety across rotor and fixed-wing operations through leadership, training, and mentorship. He also contributes to system-wide safety improvements through his work on the organization's Safety Report Review Committee, helping identify trends and implement meaningful corrective actions.

With a career focused on continuous improvement, Lovejoy is committed to strengthening safety culture across the industry and developing the next generation of leaders. His passion for risk management, decision-making, and knowledge sharing reflects the mission and values of the VITALS Foundation.

"Jon embodies the mission of the VITALS Foundation," said Tom Allenstein, Interim Executive Director. "His dedication to safety and leadership makes him exceptionally deserving of this year's scholarship."

The VITALS Foundation supports medical transport professionals through scholarships, leadership development, wellness initiatives, and programs that advance the industry.

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