



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **2011 Tim Hynes Award Winner Announced**

The International Association of Flight & Critical Care Paramedics is proud to announce Patrick Auger, of Ornge Transport Medicine-Ottawa, Ontario, as the winner of the 2011 Tim Hynes Award. Patrick becomes the first Canadian to win this prestigious award. He was presented with the award during the Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference in Nashville, Tennessee earlier this month.

Patrick began his career twenty years ago. In addition to his responsibilities as a critical care flight paramedic, he is a well-respected educator both within Ornge and at paramedic colleges throughout Ontario. He has authored a chapter in a national paramedic textbook, speaks regularly at regional and national conferences, and has delivered paramedic and disaster management courses internationally. Patrick is currently enrolled in the Master of Education Program in the Center for Medical Education at the University of Dundee.

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Patrick has also taken a leadership role at several national events. He was the incident commander of the medical assistance team during the G8 summit in 2010, a hospital fire in 2007, and the emergency evacuation of a remote community in 2005.

"Patrick demonstrates significant strengths as a leader and educator, and he excels as a critical care flight paramedic," said Russell MacDonald, MD, Medical Director, Ornge Transport Medicine. "He routinely contributes to paramedic education on a national level and internationally." Patrick was recently awarded Ornge's Pulse Awards in recognition of his contribution to paramedic education and the new critical care flight paramedic curriculum, and he was also a recipient of the Mike Roach Award of Distinction in recognition of his long-standing dedication, excellence and professionalism as a flight paramedic.

The Tim Hynes Award recognizes exemplary abilities in leadership, education and safety within the paramedic profession. Every year, the IAFCCP selects an exceptional paramedic who has demonstrated leadership and paramedic professionalism.

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