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The International Association of Flight Paramedics Appoints Critical Care Representative

Anthony Conrardy, MBA, CFI, CCEMT-P, FP-C, CIC (North Shore Long Island Jewish-Emergency Medical Services) has been appointed Critical Care Representative as of February 22, 2010. In this position, he is responsible for representing and supporting ground-based critical care members, presenting their interests and concerns before the IAFP Board of Directors, and advancing the critical care paramedic as a nationally recognized and credentialed, critical care clinician.

Anthony brings over 22 years of experience in pre-hospital emergency medical care and administrative experience in fire and EMS systems. He is currently assigned to the Office of Training & Development coordinating and providing BLS and ALS training for 300+ EMTs and paramedics of the NS-LIJ Health System.

During his long-standing relationship with the IAFP, Anthony has been an avid supporter of a nationally recognized credential for critical care paramedics. He obtained his FP-C certification in 2003, having never worked in a flight environment.

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An advocate for evidence-based practice, Anthony's goals include promoting the adoption of critical care standards that mesh and integrate with current air medical standards by supporting a nationally recognized level of competency and an understanding that a properly credentialed critical care paramedic is the "gold standard" for care and transportation of the critically ill or injured patient. Anthony feels this can be partly achieved through promotion of both the FP-C and CCP-C Examinations. It also requires active involvement in the education process to set a minimum standard education curriculum and advancement of the critical care clinician through college degree programs and offerings. He states, "Professionalism through education will insure the members are prepared for the future and be able to meet the expectations of patients and health institutions alike."

In collaboration with other critical care organizations, Anthony also hopes to initiate a change in fee reimbursement by influencing the public policy process to ensure that reimbursement is commensurate with services provided by the agencies.

Anthony was one of ten, very qualified candidates the board considered for this position. "With so many qualified individuals, the selection process was difficult," said IAFP President, Jason Hums. "We are very fortunate to have Anthony on our Board. His commitment, combined with his experience and interest in developing strong support for the critical care profession, will serve the IAFP membership well."

The IAFP is dedicated to providing advocacy, leadership development and educational opportunities for critical care paramedics. We strive to strengthen and unite critical caregivers to enhance safe, efficient and quality patient care world wide.

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