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### **IAFCCP Announces 2017 Tim Hynes Award Recipient**

Every year, the IAFCCP selects an exceptional paramedic who has demonstrated leadership and paramedic professionalism. This year, the International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics (IAFCCP) is pleased to announce that Jason Clark from Erlanger LifeForce in Chattanooga, Tennessee is the 2017 *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 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 our profession. Mr. Clark was selected because he exemplifies Tim's commitment to critical care transport.

Mr. Clark started HEMS flying in 2005, and has proven himself to be a leader in this field, always putting his crew members first. He has held leadership roles in clinical education, business development, and clinical management and has been instrumental in developing a clinical culture at Erlanger LifeForce that emphasizes bringing the very best patient care directly to the field in the patients' time of need. To try to capture all his contributions would be impossible, but focusing on his contributions in Chattanooga, Jason has changed the clinical dynamics of the program and has brought new innovations, including the introduction of liquid plasma, ultrasound, and specialized pediatric and neonatal transport protocols making LifeForce a one stop shop for critical care transport. It is important to note that throughout all

his efforts, Jason has never lost sight of his roots as a flight paramedic and has continued to fly clinical shifts as a paramedic and works with EMS and hospitals in the service region.

Embodying the spirit of Tim Hynes and the HEMS industry, the IAFCCP humbly recognizes Jason as the deserving recipient of this year's Award. His dedication, innovation, and personal sacrifices to improve the paramedic profession are noteworthy and worthy of this recognition. Mr. Clark is the 19<sup>th</sup> recipient of this prestigious award. The official award presentation will be made during the CCTMC in San Antonio, Texas on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## 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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