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IAFP Announces 2007 Tim Hynes Award Winner

The International Association of Flight Paramedics (IAFP) is pleased to announce Toby Witt as the 2007 recipient of the Tim Hynes Award. Toby is a Flight Paramedic for Life Flight in Jacksonville, Florida.

The Tim Hynes Award recognizes exemplary abilities in Leadership, Education and Safety within the paramedic profession.

“Toby’s proven leadership skills and involvement in paramedicine make him extraordinarily deserving of this prestigious award,” said Anthony Pellicone, the Association President. “The IAFP Board of Directors was pleased to select Toby Witt as the 2007 Award recipient.”

Toby began his 13-year EMS career in Columbia County, Florida. In 1995 he obtained his paramedic certification and currently holds a CCEMT-P and FP-C.

Life Flight program director, John Lunde, said, “I can honestly say, in my 13+ years in transport, I have never had the opportunity to work with an individual as committed to not only transport medicine, but to the community and the EMS profession.”

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After taking the CCEMT-P course, Toby sought additional ways to help his program and others further distinguish themselves. Through research, organization and planning he assisted in getting all his program's full-time paramedics through the FP-C Exam.

With increasing competitive issues in the transport environment, Toby has been proactive in the field of transport within his state of Florida. He attends and represents Life Flight at all state air medical meetings, is active with the Florida ASTNA chapter assuring that the decisions made do not exclude the paramedical aspect of the transport team and is also an active IAFP State Delegate providing local representation in Florida and communicating the needs and current issues between the IAFP and its members.

Tim Hynes was one of the founding members of the IAFP and contributed endless amounts of time and effort promoting the paramedic profession. On January 11, 1998, Tim was killed when his air medical helicopter crashed while on a mission near Salt Lake City, Utah. The *Tim Hynes Award* recognizes paramedics who, like Tim, have made significant contributions to the critical care profession.

The Tim Hynes Award is sponsored by Bell Helicopter, a Textron Company. The award includes a check for \$500 and a certificate of recognition. The recipient also receives complimentary registrations to the CCTMC, FP-C Review Course and FP-C Exam, as well as a one-year extension of IAFP membership. The award will be presented on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, during the Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

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