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### **IAFCCP Announces 2018 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 Cory Oaks from Classic Air Medical in Salt Lake City, UT is the 2018 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. Oaks was selected because he exemplifies Tim's commitment to critical care transport.

Cory started his air medical career in 2004 with Intermountain Life Flight in Salt Lake City, Utah. Soon after, he sat for and passed the Certified Flight Paramedic exam. He is a longtime member of the International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics and has served as the Utah state delegate for the last four years actively promoting the Association and education at every opportunity. Cory is also active within his state, having sat on the Utah State Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Air Medical and Pediatric Protocol Subcommittees and most currently Board Director at Large for the Utah Chapter of the Association of Air Medical Services. He conceived and developed the Utah AAMS Education Committee which focuses on a joint education delivery every quarter involving every air medical provider company in the state to foster friendship and cooperation while providing quality education and improving patient care across the state.

Cory is an example of service, friendship, leadership and excellence in his profession regardless of aircraft, uniform color or jurisdictional boundaries and consistently goes out of his way to improve the

profession and assist anyone who asks. He exemplifies the “what” Tim himself stood for and strives to carry on his passion.

Before his transition to air medical, Cory met Tim Hynes when they were both working as firefighters in Salt Lake City. Cory has been a strong supporter of the Tim Hynes Foundation and has participated in the promotion of the Golf Outing in Salt Lake City for the last two years.

Exemplifying the spirit of Tim Hynes and the HEMS industry, the IAFCCP recognizes Cory as the deserving recipient of this year’s Award. His dedication, innovation, and personal commitment to improve the paramedic profession are exemplary and worthy of this recognition. Mr. Oaks is the 20<sup>th</sup> recipient of this prestigious award. The official award presentation was made during the CCTMC in San Antonio, Texas on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

#### 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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