

FP News

For Critical Care Paramedics



From the President...

Spring has been a very busy time for the IAFP in preparing for the critical care transport medicine conference (CCTMC) in San Antonio. The conference was very successful and the caliber of speakers was rated at an all time high from both conference faculty and attendees. Several speakers were rated “Best In Conference.” Other comments such as, “Better than previous years!” and “Keep up the good work!” are testament to the quality content of this conference. Thanks to all who completed the evaluation forms. This feedback is used to help enhance future conferences through expanding and creating a unique learning environment reaching out to all areas of critical care transport.

During CCTMC, I had the distinct pleasure and honor to co-present the Tim Hynes Award with Mr. Paul Pitts, Executive Director North American Sales from Bell Helicopter (Award Sponsor) to Michael Clumpner, Regional One Air Medical Service in Spartanburg, South Carolina. I was very pleased to witness such incredible support from Regional One’s Program Director Mr. Jim Mobley. Mr. Mobley provided comments about Michael’s commitment, dedication, and contributions that he has shared with the critical care transport industry. I encourage everyone to keep a close eye on Mr. Clumpner as he is a rising star in the transport industry.

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EMS Week May 17–23

The IAFP salutes all critical care professionals who serve the most ill and injured patients every day.

“Help is Just a Heartbeat Away”



Your knowledge and experience assure medical excellence.



Your professionalism enhances safety for your crew and your patient.



Your commitment brings heart to everything you do.

International Association of Flight Paramedics

Special points of interest:

- Summer Board Meeting
June 12-13, 2009 SLC, UT
- Randolph Mantooth and Drew Dawson to Present at IAFP Leadership Precon Sunday, October 25, 2009
- IAFP General Membership Meeting
Sunday, October 25, 2009
- FP-C/CCP-C Exams Sunday, October 25, 2009
- Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference
San Antonio, TX
April 12-14, 2010
All day-Skills Lab Sunday, April 11, 2010
FP-C/CCP-C Exams April 11, 2010



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We are now gearing up for our next Board of Directors meeting June 12-13, 2009, in Salt Lake City, Utah. We have a lot of work to accomplish on our strategic plan and budget for FY2010. IAFP Members are welcome to attend.

We will also work on details for the IAFP Leadership Preconference and the airway and critical care skills lab at AMTC San Jose, California 2009. According to AAMS, to help streamline the registration process, conference registration will begin in June through the San Jose Housing Bureau. There will be no specified host hotel this year. There are many hotels surrounding the

convention center to choose from. Be sure to keep your eye on upcoming conference details on our web site.

The Board is working very diligently in developing study material for critical care paramedics preparing for the Critical Care Paramedic Certification (CCP-C) exam this fall at AMTC. During the interim, paramedics can sign up on CentreLearn through the IAFP Education web site link to take the new practice exam questions to help gear yourself for the computer based test taking mind set. The FP-C Online Review can be purchased for \$25.00 for a 60 day time-frame. Your login into the general mem-

bership area will allow you to link right into CentreLearn. Go to the following link <http://www.flightparamedic.org/documents/HowtoPurchaseFP-COnlineReview031109.pdf> for instructions to get into the FP-C Online Review.

I continue to promote serving the best interests of critical care paramedics striving for clinical excellence, human safety and patient advocacy supported through education and research.



James P. Riley

Attention Strong, Committed Team Players!

Interested in becoming involved in your Association? There are many ways to participate. Opportunities include serving on committees, advocating for your profession by becoming an IAFP State Delegate, or starting an IAFP State Chapter. You can submit an article for the Air Medical Journal or FPNews or participate in HEMS safety focus groups, research projects and more. If you are interested in one or more of the above opportunities, please contact Monica in the IAFP office at 770-979-6372, or email at m.newman@flightparamedic.org.

Looking for a Few Good Leaders

The IAFP is calling for candidates for board member positions including Vice President, Board member at Large, and Military liaison. All candidates for board member positions must be active members of the IAFP and all must be active in the critical care transport industry at the time of their submission.

Board Members are expected to have a strong professional background in critical care transport medicine, and an understanding of the needs of the membership and the profession. Candidates volunteering for a two year position, must be able to dedicate time and resources to develop, approve and evaluate programs and activities of the association to ensure the needs of the membership are met. All Board members are also expected to participate in all scheduled meetings and conference calls.

Any candidate for vice president must have served on the board of directors within one year of the date of election.

The office of the Vice President occupies

a seat on the Executive Committee, and holds a significant amount of responsibility requiring weekly conference calls, writing papers, budgeting, strategic planning, interviewing, all surrounded by the pressures of politics.

The Vice President position is a three year commitment requiring a large amount of time to oversee and direct association projects and activities.

In September, elected candidates will be contacted by the IAFP President. New Board members will attend a brief organization orientation session at the Air Medical Transport Conference in October.

Personally, I cannot express to you how rewarding this journey has been for me from board member at large to president. I have had the opportunity to work on projects, establish networking opportunities and actively participate at levels within the EMS world that very few people have the privilege of doing. As with all board positions, members represent the profession and must have

the ability to wear different hats, which can be challenging but very rewarding. The key to remember is to stay true to the association mission and vision at all times. This approach will protect you though the tough political times of our industry and illustrate the strength of our association.

To be honest, I was a bit scared making the decision to fulfill the roles of Vice President and President. The good thing about this position is that other board members are on hand to keep the president in check! What I have learned about serving effectively on a volunteer board, is that a person must possess a passion for this profession and be a team player. If you feel you are passionate about critical care transport and can be a team player, we need you!

See you at the Polls!

James P. Riley

**Nomination Forms Available
Online May 29—June 30, 2009**

2009 Tim Hynes Award Winner

This year's award was presented to Mike Clumpner, flight paramedic with Regional One Air Medical Service, during the Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference in San Antonio, Texas on Tuesday, April 7, 2009.

The Tim Hynes Award recognizes exemplary abilities in leadership, education and safety within the paramedic profession. 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.

Through the IAFP State Delegate Program, Mike serves as a State Delegate advocating for patient care and safety issues in the state of South Carolina. "Mike's commitment to leadership and education for advanced critical care skills across all disciplines of emergency medicine is commendable and make him deserving of this prestigious award," said association president, Jim Riley. "The IAFP Board of Directors is honored to recognize Mike's contribution to critical care transport medicine, with the 2009 Tim Hynes Award."

Throughout his career as a flight paramedic, Mike achieved an advanced degree as well as numerous specialized certifications in emergency medicine. Mike has proven his commitment to providing education, through lectures delivered in over eighty conferences and symposiums around the

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Mike Clumpner, Flight Paramedic
Regional One Air Medical Service

world. Mike is a published author of numerous articles in peer-reviewed and medical journals. He also provided expert review for several critical care textbooks that are currently in publication. In addition, Mike coordinated and teaches a CEN/CFRN/FP-C review class approved by the BCCTPC for FP-C CE renewal.

"Mike has been with Regional One since 2004, where he has served with continued distinction. Mike has demonstrated that he is dedicated to furthering his education and clinical competence, as well as furthering the overall mission of the air medical industry," said Jim Mobley, program manager and chief flight nurse at Regional One. Working in tandem with Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, Mike demonstrated his leadership abilities by implementing a pre-hospital, non-trial protocol for therapeutic hypothermia for adult medical post-cardiac arrest patients. He currently provides consulting services to numerous pre-hospital agencies and hospitals implementing a similar protocol.

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 and FP-C Exam, as well as a one-year extension of IAFP membership.



Paul Pitts (Executive Director, Bell Helicopter), Mike Clumpner (Tim Hynes Award Winner, Regional One), Jim Riley (IAFP President)

Board For Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification (BCCTPC) Offers Critical Care Paramedic Certification (CCP-C) Beta Test.



In April, the Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification, (BCCTPC), along with Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc., leading experts in test development, began the exam construction process for the Critical Care Paramedic Certification Exam, and plans to launch the beta test during the Air Medical Transport Conference (AMTC) on October 25, 2009, and EMS Expo October, 30, 2009.

The BCCTPC is currently accepting names of individuals interested in sitting for the beta test. Candidates should have at least 3-5 years experience in a busy critical care/ALS system, and must hold a valid state/national paramedic license. A free, two-day, 16-hour critical care review course will be offered by Anthony Baca of Critical Analysis Management Company. All exam candidates must take the review course prior to testing. The review course will be offered at AMTC October 23-24, 2009, and at EMS Expo October 28-29, 2009.

Recommended study for this exam:

- *Air and Surface Patient Transport Principles & Practice 3E*, by Renee S. Holleran, published by Mosby
- *Critical Care Paramedic 1E*, by Bryan E. Bledsoe, Randall W. Brenner, published by Brady/Prentice Hall

Prior to the review course, candidates will receive additional study material that will be covered in the review. The beta test will be offered in a written, paper/pencil format.

Once the initial test is administered an Angoff cut score study will be conducted by the Exam Construction Committee, and the appropriate cut score for the Critical Care Paramedic Certification Exam determined. The aggregate ratings will be compared to actual candidate performance before setting the final cut score. Candidates receiving a passing grade will receive the CCP-C four year credential.

Credentialing exams, like the FP-C, and in nursing, like the Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN) and Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CFRN), are not intended to provide a paramedic licensure, which is relegated to the states, but are intended to accurately test knowledge and critical thinking skills for paramedics practicing in an extended role. By doing so, they establish a benchmark for employers and the end-user.

For individuals interested in taking the free two-day review course and beta-test, please contact the BCCTPC office at 770-978-4400.



**FP-C Exam Offered at the
Air Medical Transport Medicine Conference
Sunday, October 25, 2009
0800-1030**



**Register Online
www.CertifiedFlightParamedic.org
Must Register Before October 15th, 2009**

OSI-HEMS Research

I am here at 30,000 feet flying over some weather. I am bouncing so much I can barely type. Wish I had some Zofran for the person next to me. And the baby in front of me thinks she is on a rollercoaster ride. No, I am not on a lifeguard flight. I am on a commercial airline heading back to Chicago after a long week of reviewing HEMS crashes. For the past three days, we spent 9 hours a day in a room reviewing crashes determining a root cause analysis. This is the Opportunity for Safety Improvement –Helicopter EMS or OSI-HEMS, that continues where the AMPA safety study that came out a few years ago left off. As with that study the Principal Investigator is Dr. Ira Blumen from UCAN.

The OSI-HEMS project is defined as a root cause analysis which will be conducted for each of the HEMS accidents since 1998. The research team will utilize the complete NTSB electronic docket for each identified accident that has a final NTSB report.

Through this research and analysis, concrete recommendations will be made to compare the potential benefits, cost, effectiveness and feasibility of various factors that can prevent HEMS accidents or reduce the impact of accidents that do occur.

Since this study started over a year ago, the IAFP has been an active participant bringing the medical crew side perspective to the table. Along with our colleagues from ASTNA, the other participants include the laundry list of HEMS providers, experts, and manufacturers: AMPA, NEMSPA, NAACCS, FAA, NTSB, Eurocopter, Bell, Air Methods, Metro, Air Care, Omni, and others. Dr. Blumen has taken on the arduous task of reviewing each accident from 1998 to present, at this time is approximately 135 events. And I say approximately since we are still waiting for the final report from NTSB on the latest crashes if they come out before we complete our part of the analysis.

We have been meeting every two to three months in either Dallas or West Palm Beach where Flight Safety International has graciously given us two meeting rooms that allow us to work on the project. Recently in West Palm Beach, Trauma Hawk has also opened their doors to us and provided meeting rooms.

At the beginning of every meeting the group is divided into two smaller groups that have a mix of pilots, nurses, paramedics, 135 certificate holders, government, and aircraft manufacturers to ensure that we get as many point of views as possible during each analysis. Each individual is assigned an accident to review, summarize, and start the process of applying a standard problem statement and potential mitigation for that specific problem utilizing a tool that JSAT developed and provided for us. When I started on my first homework assignment I did not think that it would be that difficult or time consuming. However after 4+ hours I was still making changes and adding more information. Ironically, after completing this accident analysis, I eventually looked at the

names of the crew members that perished and there was “Jon’s” name on the fatality list. I met “Jon” at AMTC in Austin.

After a week of reading, reviewing, and getting into heated discussions about where could the chain of events could have been broken, I am emotionally and physically drained. With a paramedic’s typical sense of humor I ask if anyone else feels like they are in a twisted version of the movie “Ground Hog Day”? Everyone laughs then it becomes deathly silent in the room. We are seeing many of the same issues over and over again.

“There are many crashes that could have been avoided if one crew member just said no. Put your AMRM/CRM to practice and speak up.”

We are very fortunate that we have the best pilots in the industry that work in very dynamic situations in aviation. Yes, I know that it is 100% up to the pilot if we go on a flight; however it only takes one of us to say NO or STOP. There are many crashes that could have been avoided if one crew member just said no. Put your AMRM/CRM to practice and speak up. If your partner does not put their restraints on

(yes, we have read reports that the nurse or paramedic is not buckled in), or the weather does not meet published minimums, speak up. It is not safe for any of you.

We will complete the analysis this year and be presenting the preliminary data at AMTC. Until then, the IAFP will continue to be represented during the entire OSI-HEMS project. Please speak up when you have a question. Say NO when you are uncomfortable. Let’s be able to say, “Michelle North, you saved another one and I spoke up!” instead of me saying “I am here to present accident number CHI09LA190 with three fatalities”.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this project further you can e-mail me or call me at:

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The IAFP Welcomes 252 New Members in 2009

Dan Albrecht, MI
 Carol Allen, Guardian Air, AZ
 Peter Amato, NY
 Bonnie Anderson, MEDEVAC Aspirus Wausau Hospital, WI
 Jason Anderson, Priority 1 Air Rescue, AK
 Ken Anderson, University of Maryland ExpressCare, MD
 Fred Antonelli, MONOC/PHI, NJ
 David Aromin, MONOC, NJ
 Christopher Baird, Summit Air Ambulance, UT
 Billy Baker, HEALTH NET, KY
 Philip Banks, Lehigh Valley Hospital MedEvac, PA
 Eric Barnes, VA
 Nicholas Bauccho, STAT MedEvac, OH
 Stephen Beaumont, Air Methods, GA
 John Beh, Air Evac, AZ
 Adam Bell, LifeBanc, OH
 Michael Benier, Aspen Valley Hospital, CO
 Arthur Berkovitz, NY
 Keith Bishop, LifeNet Georgia/Emory Flight, GA
 Mathew Blood, Warbelow's Air Ambulance, AK
 Clifford Boling, Southwest Medevac, TX
 Christopher Bonn, JeffSTAT Flight, PA
 Jonathan Botwin, D.C.F.D., PA
 Josh Bradley, PHI Air Medical, NM
 Jonathan Bratt, MD
 Anthony Brebbia, Mercy Air Services, NV
 Geoffery Breeden, Georgetown-Scott Co. EMS, KY
 Chris Briggs, Air Evac Lifeteam, TX
 Craig Britton, St. Louis Children's Transport Team, MO
 Barbara Brown, Medstar Transport/Medevac, VA
 Lincoln Brown, Regional One, NC
 Stephen Brownfield, TX
 Thomas Buck, Hershey Life Lion, PA
 William Bumgarner, GA
 Matthew Burnett, Mercy Flight Central, NY
 Melissa Butscher, STAT MedEvac, PA
 Dawn Carsten, AirEvac, AZ
 Nicholas Cavallo, HealthNet Aeromedical, WV
 Joel Chapa, Jr., TX
 Vincent Cisternino, NorthSTAR, NJ
 Ruth Claborn, Stone County EMS, MS
 Ryan Cleckley, Johns Hopkins Lifeline Critical Care Transport, MD
 Matthew Cobb, East Bay Parks, CA
 Kelley Cole, TX
 Michael Collins, LifeMed Alaska, VA
 Glenn Conner, Omni Flight, MO
 John Cook, Carilion Clinic, VA
 Jeffrey Coombe, STAT MedEvac, PA
 John Cornett, LifeEvac of Virginia, VA
 Michael Cotter, PA
 Michael Crabtree, IL
 Mabelle Crawford, Airmethods, GA
 Lowell Crawford, TX
 Scott Cronister, St. John's MedFlight, An ARCH Program, KS
 Lenward Cunningham, Acadian Ambulance, LA
 Jacob Dalstra, Guardian Air, AZ
 Ken Davis, NM
 Eliyohu Davis, NY
 Bradley Davison, Southwest MedEvac/OmniFlight, NM
 Joseph Dawson, Boston MedFlight, MA
 Frank De Armas, Life Net Georgia, GA
 Michelle Deaton, CA
 Erik Decker, Wayne County Advanced Life Support, NY
 Anthony DeGeorge, NY
 Joseph DePatto, Penn State Hershey Life Lion, PA
 Robert Dery, Jr., NY
 Michael Diamond, PA
 Moses Diaz, TX
 Vincent DiGregorio, FL
 Justin Dillingham, Life Flight Network, LLC, OR
 Robert DiLuzio, Jr., NH
 James Dolan, Flight Paramedic, FL
 Mark Donahue, Mercy Air, CA
 Cory Donahue, IN
 Cody Draheim, AirMed, UT
 Billy Durham, II, Carteret General Hospital EMS, NC
 Elias Elias, MT
 Thomas Elliott, North Mississippi Medical Center CareFlight, MS
 David Ellis, Phoenix Air Group, GA
 Darin Estes, Air Evac Lifeteam, MO
 Kale Etchberger, Jeff Stat, PA
 Alex Farrell, NC
 Ronald Ferrell, Jr., Temple Transport Team, PA
 Andrew Fidino, Priority 1 Air Rescue, AK
 Ted Flanagan, Worcester EMS, MA
 Daryl Flick, PennSTAR, PA
 Diane Fojt, MECA, Inc., FL
 Tiffany Forte, WakeMed, NC
 Mark Foster, Life Net of New York, NY
 Casey Fox, VA
 Jeff Fritz, TX
 Joshua frost, WA
 Patrick Gannon, Life Net New York, NY
 Jenna Gibson, REACH Mediplane, CA
 David Glenn, Jr., NE
 Jeremiah Goyette, Fletcher Allen Coordinated Transport, VT
 Spencer Gregory, UT
 Michael Gretzinger, Air-Evac Lifeteam, IL
 Matthew Grevstad, NY
 Darin Hamlin, ARCH/MedFlight, KS
 Allen Hardison, EastCare, NC
 Christopher Hardman, MedFlight, OH
 Tony Hayes, UT LIFESTAR, TN
 Charles Head, III, Med-Trans One, SC
 Gary Heigel, Mercy Flights/ Rogue Community College, OR
 Charles Herbst, MI
 Richard Hibbs, CA
 Jeremy Hodges, LifeNet, NE
 John Houston, Southwest Medevac, NM
 Stephen Hromcik, TX
 Michael Hulsizer, STAT MedEvac, PA
 Michael Ives, Warbelow's Air Ambulance, AK
 Jeffrey Jackson, Montgomery County Fire and EMS, KY
 Ricardo Jacquez, TX
 Todd Jamison, Careflight, TX
 Jameson Johnson, IN
 Chris Johnson, Bayflite, FL
 Jason Johnston, Mercy Air, CA
 Monnie Jones, Johns Hopkins Lifeline CCT Team, MD
 William Jones, Johns Hopkins Lifeline CCT, MD
 Tami Jones, Mercy Ground Ambulance, CA
 David Katz, MidAtlantic MedEvac, PA
 Jerry Kendrick, MS
 Kevin Kennedy, Blackhills Life Flight, SD
 Jason Kirchoff, TX
 Robert Kladianos, AirMed, Univ. of Utah, UT
 Carlton Klein, Jr., NS/LIJ CEMS, NY
 John Kleronomos, IL
 Nicolas Knight, St. Mary's LifeFlight, IL
 Justin Koper, OH
 Kristopher Kormos, Cleveland Clinic Critical Care Transport, OH
 Charles Kuhns, Priority One, AK
 Jennifer Lahner, KY
 Anna LaRosa, St. Alphonsus Life Flight, ID

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Ebin Latrimurti, Priority 1 Air Rescue, HI
 Rebecca Leach, REACH, CA
 Michael Leasure, AeroCare, TX
 Serge Levy, Tristate CareFlight, NV
 Dian Lezotte, VA
 Edward Lima, RI
 Timothy Lookabaugh, PA
 Steven Lopez, NM
 James Luce, II, PHI Air Medical, LA
 John Lyden, PA
 Eric Mabe, WakeMed Mobile Critical Care Services, NC
 Eugene Macaraeg, Johns Hopkins Critical Care Transport Team, MD
 Matthew Makela, SC
 Norlan Maltez, Mercy Air Service, Nevada/ Air Methods Corp., NV
 Doug Martin, NH
 Kelly Maytubby, Air Evac Lifeteam Base 61, MS
 Kim McCarty, Air Methods, KY
 Troy McClellan, US Training Center, MI
 Howard McCormick, Air Link, CO
 Curtis McDonald, TX
 Robert Militello, MedEx Critical Care, IL
 Rick Miller, Lifeflight of Maine, ME
 Bradley Mitchell, CareFlite, TX
 Dan Modrzejewski, Life Net Arizona, AZ
 Benjamin Morris, Careflite, TX
 Donald Morrow, Life Star, TX
 Bob Muller, MT
 Nathan Murray, Haywood County EMS, NC
 Gail NeffGordon, Tulsa Life Flight/ Air Methods, OK
 Robert Nelson, LifeNet Heartland, NE
 Amanda Nelson, TX
 Tacuma Nibbs, Southside VA Emergency Crew, VA
 Mark O'Brien, MA
 Brian O'Connell, Jr., Center for Emergency Medicine, PA
 Carol Ong, NY
 Roberto Orta, AirMed 1, IL
 Timothy Osburn, II, Air Methods Corporation, KY
 Michael Pante, NJ
 Michael Passalacqua, Cleveland Clinic Critical Care Transp. Team, OH
 Matthew Patterson, Regional One Air Medical Service, SC
 James Pennington, Air St. Luke's, ID
 Todd Pery, Univ of MS AirCare, MS
 Patrick Phillips, TX
 Christopher Pleasant, Wake Med Mobile Transport, NC
 John Price, Air Methods One, FL
 Mark Prohaska, FL
 Ron Redmond, Geisinger Life Flight, PA
 Mio Rhein, CA
 Stephanie Rickbeil, St. Vincent HELP Flight, MT
 Merrily Rinehart, ARCH airmedical, MO
 Chris Ritz, Mountain Lifeflight, CA
 Robert Rodgers, Mercy Air Las Vegas, NV, UT
 Maureen Rollins, GA
 Paul Romero, Air Methods Mercy Air Nevada, CA
 Eric Rosen, Temple Transport Team, PA
 Gregory Rosenthal, Spirit MTS, WI
 David Rounds, Life Flight 1 Jacksonville, Florida, FL
 Christopher Roussel, AK
 Chad Rushing, MS
 Matthew Russell, Guthrie Air - Air Methods, PA
 Karl Salmon, Air Ambulance Worldwide, FL
 Douglas Saltzstein, Mercy Air, CA
 Nicholas Sappington, Lifestar, NW TX Hospital, TX
 Mickey Sauser, Lifenet Heartland, IA
 Pamela Saxon, Mercy Air- Air Methods, CA
 Mira Scharff, CA
 Laura Schimming, Lifeflight of Maine, ME

CW, Schwalbe NY
 Gary Seifert, LifeNet EMS, TX
 Frederick Senn, Washington Co. Mem. EMS, IN
 Michael Shaw, RM CCTEMTP, WA
 Ryan Short, St. Mary's LifeFlight, WI
 Michael Sinnott, North Shore/LIJ health System, NY
 Larry Slinkard, OK
 Sean Smith, OmniFlight / SouthWest MedEvac, FL
 Samantha Sparta, NY
 Jeffrey Spencer, North Shore LIJ - Center for EMS, NY
 Patrick Springer, HI
 Eric Stewart, Montgomery Co Emergency Services, TN
 Jeremiah Tapp, Critical Care Med Flight, GA
 Carlos Tavarez, Bayflite, FL
 Donald Taylor, MS
 Jon Tierney, Lifeflight of Maine, ME
 Kevin Todd, PMT Ambulance PArademic, AZ
 Anthony Toledo, Miami Children's Hospital LifeFlight, FL
 Angela Troester, Warbelow's Air Ambulance, OH
 Jeff Ulevich, All Childrens Hospital Transport Team, FL
 Don Wade, PHI Air Medical, TX
 John Waggoner, Lifestar, TX
 Kylin WallaceWarbelow, Warbelow's Air Ambulance, AK
 Eric Warren, STAT MedEvac, PA
 David Webb, MS
 Doug White, Eagle Air Med, CO
 Bryan White, NY
 Brian Wilcox, NY
 John Wiley, Hall Air, CA
 Richard Willey, Jr., Lifenet of NY, Stat Flight, NY
 Kyle Williams, Air Methods-Kentucky, KY
 Dylan Wilson, Vanderbilt LifeFlight, TN
 Alicia Wiren, TX
 Brian Witherow, STAT MedEvac, PA
 Megan Wood, STAT MedEvac, PA
 Christopher Woodring, American Patient Transport Systems, PA
 Angela Yahne, Fire Dept/Military Reserve, MO
 Mike Yamamoto, Hawaii DMAT, HI
 Randy Yonker, MI
 Wesley Young, Southwest Medevac, NM
 Brandon Young, Res-Q-Jets Air Ambulance, MI
 Carl Zenk, LifeFlight of Maine - Bangor, ME

New International Members

Edward Callachan, UAE Airforce SAR, United Emereits
 Darrell Paranich, Canada
 Benjamin Lorenz, Switzerland
 David Neel, Switzerland
 Mario Becker, Germany
 Karsten Brunner, Germany
 Bernhard Nastarowitz, Germany
 David Summermatter, Sweden



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Special Guest Speaker
RANDOLPH MANTOOTH
Johnny Gage from TV's "EMERGENCY!"



Sunday, October 25, 2009
Pre-Con Session
EMS: Past, Present & Future

Hosted by
International Association of Flight Paramedics
Register for the session online at
www.flightparamedic.org

Monday & Tuesday October 26 & 27, 2009
EXHIBIT HALL

Meet Randy in person when he hosts a fundraising autograph session in the Third Alarm Fire Shop booth. "EMERGENCY!" photographs and show memorabilia will be available for purchase and personalization. Proceeds benefit the County of Los Angeles Fire Museum's James O. Page Memorial Building Fund.

www.RandolphMantooth.com - www.LACountyFireMuseum.com

*Celebrity appearance subject to change

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October 26–28, 2009
San Jose, CA

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IAFP Delivers...

Sunday, Oct. 25

IAFP Leadership Precon 0900–1630

During this unique session, participants will hear from two individuals who have made a significant impact on EMS in very different ways.

Don't miss **Randolph Mantooth**, of TV's "Emergency" present *EMS: Past Present & Future*, as he discusses a historic perspective of EMS, a look at our current system and an insight to the future of EMS.

NHTSA Director, **Drew Dawson**, leader of the only national government office dedicated solely to Prehospital emergency medical operations, will focus on tools and techniques to guide leaders of the future. This former EMT and state EMS director will share some trade secrets to help you rise to the top of your career ladder.

All this and more... Career experts will meet one-on-one with participants during this two-hour break, to give advise on the following topics:

- ◇ HR/Resume Building—How to interview
- ◇ Publishing—How to get your work published
- ◇ EMS Administration—Drew Dawson
- ◇ Chapter/Organization Development
- ◇ Education—Personal career development
- ◇ Getting Involved—What it takes to be an effective board member

IAFP Membership Meeting 1700–1830

All members are invited to attend the General Membership Meeting to learn about the latest Association services and initiatives, meet other Association members and honor the 2009 Tim Hynes Award winner.

Register Online
FlightParamedic.org



Tuesday, Oct. 27

IAFP State Delegate Meeting 1630–1730

IAFP State Delegates and IAFP members interested in the State Delegate Program are invited to attend this business/networking meeting.

IAFP Leadership Reception 1730–1900

Come join the IAFP Board of Directors for a casual evening of recognition and reminiscence. Enjoy appetizers and beverages while mingling with other air medical, critical care and paramedic leaders.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Critical Care Lab (Free) 1030–1200

Brush up on your critical care and airway skills during this 1.5 hour session. From central lines to video laryngoscope, participants will receive one-on-one time with product vendors. Space is limited. Sign up at the IAFP Booth #1827.

Visit www.aams.org for full
conference details as they
become available!



GLAC

By Jim Riley

The IAFP has been very busy since our testimony in February. The public hearing was very successful in educating all hearing participants and the web cast audience about the helicopter emergency medical services industry (HEMS).

Several members of the HEMS industry had a strong suspicion that a congressional hearing would follow as the NTSB stated their hearing was just the beginning of the HEMS industry root cause analysis of the historically high fatal crash rate of 2008.

2008 was a year where much of the AAMS membership began to find conflicting positions over legislative bills. Senator Elizabeth Dole (R-NC) of the 110th Congress drafted a bill based from a hospital coalition in North Carolina that would exempt air medical services from the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 (ADA). The main premise of Senator Dole's bill was a call for states to have the right to regulate HEMS and part of that right was the ability to regulate the number of aircraft through a certificate of need (CON) if desired. Opposition to the CON was illustrated through language interpretation of the ADA which provides preemption protection of the airlines across the country without state and local government interference over rates, routes, or services. It was inevitable that due to various business models, some HEMS programs would support and some would oppose the Dole bill.

Senator Elizabeth Dole was defeated in the November 2008 election and since then new life has been breathed into the original premise of Dole's bill. A complete rewrite of Senator Dole's bill was drafted and now has been presented by Congressman Jason Altmire (R-PA) and Congresswoman Candice Miller (D-MI) as HR 978 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Below is an excerpt of the language used in HR 978.

(b) State Authority Over Medical Services- A State may regulate helicopter medical services with respect to the following:

- (1) The medical qualifications and medical training of helicopter medical personnel, except that a State shall not impose new or additional requirements on a pilot.
- (2) The obligation of providers of helicopter medical services to comply with the health planning, patient safety, and medical service requirements of a State, including--

(A) coordination between emergency medical services providers, receiving institutions, and other medical transport service providers regarding the transport of a patient;

(B) demonstration of adequate capacity to pro-

vide helicopter medical services;

(C) demonstration of the need for new or expanded helicopter medical services;

(D) limitations on the number of helicopters providing helicopter medical services within the State or region of the State;

(E) affiliation with health care institutions;

(F) sanitation and infection control protocols;

(G) medical records requirements;

(H) quality requirements, including participation in patient safety and medical quality control efforts, such as peer review processes, utilization review, and error reporting systems; and

(I) the provision of emergency helicopter medical services to all persons for whom such services are medically necessary and appropriate.

(c) State Authority Over Medical Services Subject to Harmonization Requirement- To the extent that any State regulations are harmonized with any relevant Federal operating requirements, a State may regulate helicopter medical services with respect to the following:

- (1) The designation of destinations for emergency patient transport.
- (2) The specification of service requirements with respect to geographic areas within a State or during specified hours and days.
- (3) The coordination of flight requests for emergency helicopter medical services.
- (4) Compliance with accreditation requirements.

(d) State Authority Over Medical Services Subject to Consistency Requirement- To the extent that any State regulations are consistent with any relevant Federal operating requirements (such as airworthiness and the proper storage and installation of medical equipment) applicable to a helicopter that is otherwise capable of meeting such State regulations, a

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State may regulate helicopter medical services with respect to the following:

- (1) The necessary medical equipment to be carried on board or affixed to the helicopter.
- (2) The physical attributes of the helicopter--
 - (A) necessary for the provision of quality medical care, including--
 - (i) climate control;
 - (ii) a configuration that allows adequate access to the patient, medical equipment, and medical supplies by the helicopter medical personnel;
 - (iii) use of materials in the helicopter that are appropriate for proper patient care; and
 - (iv) sufficient electrical supply to support medical equipment without compromising helicopter power; and
 - (B) necessary for the protection of helicopter and ground medical personnel.
- (3) Communication capabilities enabling--
 - (A) the helicopter personnel to communicate with emergency medical services and public safety personnel and personnel at receiving institutions; and
 - (B) the flight crew to communicate with the helicopter medical personnel.

The question at hand asks if a CON is going to be part of the solution to the industry problems for record numbers of fatal air medical crashes. Perhaps not, the CON may be a partial solution but will never fix the root of the industry incentives behind the competition which ultimately revolves around reimbursement.

Our industry currently is different from the rest of health care in that the rest of health care operates within CON in ever state. We most likely will experience what hospitals experienced in 80's and 90's with balanced budget acts and stronger regulatory oversight. Hospitals complained, layoffs occurred but they slowly figured out how to become financially healthy again and were able to continue with expansion of services. This will be painful but it is just part of the evolutionary process of health care and of EMS and HEMS.

What is truly needed is a clear definition of critical care transport that is fully supported by the federal government. The IAFP would encourage a standard of critical care transport supported and endorsed by the federal government and state government. The IAFP believes critical care transport standards should include education, clinical competence, and credentialing for medical crews. A critical care transport standard benchmark for providers would at the very least establish continuity of care for all people we care for.

Today, CAMTS is the closest benchmark for critical care

standards the HEMS industry has, yet the limitation is that it is voluntary and not a federally supported program. According to CAMTS, approximately only 35% of the HEMS industry is accredited. The IAFP is deeply saddened that the clinicians are found in the middle of an economic battle.

The IAFP is taking a neutral position on HR 978. The IAFP remains focused on our mission to support the professional critical care paramedic in clinical excellence, human safety, and patient advocacy through education and research.

Should anyone have further questions please feel free to contact our Government and Legislative office.

State Delegate Program Report

I must confess, I am writing this article at the last minute. I promised Monica I would get this to her by tomorrow. It is almost 9pm and I have just finished charting from a flight. I have my medical staffs' education binders spread out all over the base because I am also in the process of updating them. Once again the day is ending with so much left undone. This seems to be a pattern in my life lately. Whether its job related or home related, I never feel like I am caught up. I know I probably never will.

I know I am not in this boat alone. For those who work in this industry the demands easily exceed the available time. Whether it's keeping up with critical care standards to maintain duty status, working an extra job to make ends meet, (which most of us do), management demands, or family and home obligations. We are being pulled in several or all of these directions. This is why those of you who are active in the IAFP are truly amazing people and we on the Board appreciate your efforts.

I have come to realize through efforts in my own State and looking at our sister organizations that only a few of us are able or willing to sacrifice the time required to be an active participant. This is also true in many other areas of community life as well. Political groups, community groups and charities are all led by small minorities to benefit the majority. This is a reality that will never change.

I have spent the last few months updating the Delegate Roster. We have lost some positions and picked up a few new people. I will update the website soon with the changes. We will have our next conference call on May 20th at our usual time. I will post a reminder on groups. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for sacrificing your time to make the State Delegate program a success.

*Toby Witt,
IAFP State Delegate Program*

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