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### **IAFP Announces 2006 Tim Hynes Award Winner**

The International Association of Flight Paramedics (IAFP) is pleased to announce that David Grimsley is the 2006 recipient of the Tim Hynes Award. Dave is a Flight Paramedic for PHI Air Medical, New Mexico and an EMS Educator for ENMU, in Roswell, New Mexico.

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

“Dave’s proven leadership skills and accomplishments in paramedicine make him extraordinarily deserving of this prestigious award,” said Gloria Tavenner Dow, the Association President. “The IAFP Board of Directors was pleased to select David Grimsley as the 2006 Award recipient.”

Dave began his EMS career in the Army flying medevac. As a civilian, he has worked for over ten years in EMS, initially working the streets as a paramedic. After taking the CCEMT-P course through UMBC he explored employment in the critical care flight arena, which brought him to New Mexico.

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In his current program Grimsley is extensively involved in outreach and teaching. In 2003, he taught at the State EMS conference and Heart Hospital of New Mexico's annual Cardiac Care Conference. He is also involved in teaching ACLS, PALS, and PHTLS to city and county EMS/Fire services, often spending his off duty hours contacting these agencies to coordinate dates or events. He is one of the people other flight crew members depend upon for ideas, guidance and information.

Dave also initiated several improvements in patient care. He is enthusiastic about research and has partnered with his program's medical director on several projects. At AMTC in 2005, he presented a poster presentation on the FAST1 device utilized by PHI. This research examined the FAST 1's efficacy of use in his program, success rate with insertion, and hindrances to the procedures success. He is continuously vigilant about improvements in patient care.

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 at the on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at the Awards Luncheon during the Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference in Las Vegas.

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