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**Meet Jonathan Gryniuk**

Jonathan Gryniuk has been active in the Emergency Medical Services since 1985 and is a 16 year veteran of Helicopter EMS having completed more than 2,000 air medical missions. Jon attained a degree in Respiratory Care in 1990 and obtained his Paramedic Certificate in 1991. He began his flight career as a Flight Respiratory Therapist with the Hartford Life Star helicopter program based in Connecticut in 1992. In 1995 he moved to Albany, NY where he became one of the original Flight Paramedics for the Albany Med FLIGHT program at Albany Medical Center. Jon began serving on the board of directors of the International Association of Flight Paramedics in 1997 and has remained active with them since that time having also completed a term as their President in 2003. In 1998 Jon became active with the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS) where he has served as both a site surveyor and a board member. In 2008, Jon was voted by his fellow board members onto the Executive Committee of CAMTS where he now serves as their Secretary. Jon has been the principle author of several national flight paramedic practice position papers, contributing author to a variety of air medical related texts and video, and is on the editorial staff of the Air Medical Journal. He has spoken nationally on topics ranging from advanced airway management and transport ventilation to air medical transport safety. Jon was instrumental in the development and implementation of the internationally recognized Certified Flight Paramedic (FP-C) examination process and still continues to serve that process as an exam proctor for the Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification. Jon is currently employed by Air Methods Corporation as a Flight Paramedic and functions as the Medical Base Supervisor for the Life Net of New York 7-1 helicopter based at Albany Medical Center in Albany, NY.