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### **Tahlequah Paramedic Selected for Oklahoma Emergency Response Advisory Council**

TAHLEQUAH, Oklahoma – Tahlequah Paramedic, Matt Young, Paramedic FP-C, was recently selected as a member of the Oklahoma Emergency Response Advisory Council. This seven-member council is charged with emergency response and trauma systems development, injury prevention, and other areas designated by the State Board of Health.

Young began his medical career in 1990 as an Emergency Medical Technician. Throughout his career he progressed to EMT intermediate and then paramedic, before becoming flight paramedic certified. He has served on a federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team for several years and did several federal deployments for national events and federal training. He has worked as an educator for in-house training programs for both Northeastern Health System (NHS) and First Flight, is an American Heart Association Instructor and instructor for the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians. He also served on the State Continuous Quality Improvement board that reviews trauma calls within the region. He currently serves as a paramedic, and flight paramedic, for Northeastern Health System, where he was selected as the Paramedic of the Year in 2007 and 2016 by the Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce.

“Matt has been in the business for 31 years and has a vast knowledge of the business from protocols to rules and regulations,” said Michael Cates, EMS Director for NHS. “He will be a great voice for EMS and a great representative for rural EMS.”

Young's passion for healthcare began at an early age.

"I was raised in a nursing home. My mother was the Director of Nursing at Broken Arrow Nursing Home for over 40 years," said Young. "She was an RN and all of her children are in the medical field. Both of my sisters are nurses."

Matt and his wife, Myra, operate a ranch and enjoy hunting and fishing. They have three daughters, Amanda, 33, Gracie, 22, and Harper, 4.

"What an honor to be selected to give my input," said Young. "I hope that together, we can improve the delivery of healthcare throughout the state."

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