

**Thomas Judge** serves as the Executive Director of LifeFlight of Maine, a non-profit hospital consortium based helicopter based critical care system serving the entire state of Maine. ([www.lifeflightmaine.org](http://www.lifeflightmaine.org)) LifeFlight services over 40 hospitals in New England as well as providing primary response to accident scenes and medical emergencies in remote areas. In addition Judge serves as the Executive Director of the LifeFlight Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization that funds aviation infrastructure and outreach education services to hospital and EMS providers in Maine. A practicing paramedic, Judge has served as a paramedic for St. George Volunteer Fire Ambulance for over 30 years.

Judge brings a thirty year background in pre-hospital emergency medical services in roles from provider to system planner/regulator. He served on the Air Medical Expert Panel convened recently by the State of Maryland and is a member of the DOT National EMS Advisory Council. He served a subject matter expert in the Institute of Medicine Emergency Care Report and served as panelist at the IOM Emergency Care Series national roll out conferences on EMS at Tulane University in New Orleans. ([www.iom.org](http://www.iom.org))

Former Board Chair of Maine EMS, the State Regulatory and Licensing Agency, Judge has worked extensively in both the public and non-government sectors and has a wide background in the design and implementation of emergency medical care systems.

Judge has worked nationally and internationally. LifeFlight has been national recognized for quality, safety, and innovation excellence in community service. Recent projects include assisting the Province of Newfoundland/Labrador in Canada with developing a new air medical system as well as presentations in Vancouver BC, Japan, France, and the Czech Republic.

Judge currently serves on the Board of the Foundation for Air Medical Research and Education and is a past President and recently completed 7 years of service on the Board of the Association of Air Medical Services. ([www.aams.org](http://www.aams.org)) AAMS is comprised of over 300 air medical programs air medical provider agencies in the United States and Canada. He has served as the chair of the Vision Zero aeromedical work group and has been recognized for contributions to improving air medical safety on the local, regional, and national level winning the 2003 Jim Charlson Award. He currently serves on the Joint Helicopter Safety Implementation Team, one of two work groups of the International Helicopter Safety Symposium ([www.ihss.org](http://www.ihss.org)) and is a member of the Air Medical Safety Advisory Council.

Judge serves as a consultant / surveyor for the international accreditation medical transport standards group at Joint Commission Resources, a division of the JCAHO and has been involved in EMS program developments across the US as well as projects in the UK, Ireland, Canada, and South Africa. He is an active professional member of the National Association of EMS Physicians, a faculty member of the National Medical Directors Course and Practicum, a founder ambulance member of the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care of the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh, and serves on the Editorial Board of the Emergency Medicine Journal. He has also served on the Boards of PenBay Healthcare, Mid-Coast Mental Health, Kno-Wal-Lin Home Health and Hospice.

Judge was as a facilitator for an international summit of emergency health care systems held in Cape Town, South Africa in 1998. The summit included EMS providers from 37 countries and was one of the lead authors of the papers published from the summit. In 1996-97, Tom spent a year in the UK as an Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy, sponsored by the British Foreign Office. During his tenure in the UK, Tom was posted at the Medical Care Research Unit, at the University of Sheffield and with the Scottish Ambulance Services NHS Trust, in Edinburgh. He is particularly interested in the effects of health care policy and in the issues of access and equity in the provision of rural medical care.