Remembering Jim Massie

James “Jim” Massie, Program Director of the EMS program here at CSI passed away on Monday, September 15th, 2014 at St. Luke’s Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, following complications from hip surgery recovery. Jim began his career working as a Paramedic for Magic Valley Paramedics in 1989. Jim began working for CSI in January of 2003 as a part-time EMS Lab Adjunct before being awarded a full-time position as the Simulation (SIM) Lab Coordinator in 2008. He continued this position until he was hired on as the lead lab Instructor within the HSHS EMS program. From 2008, Jim continued teaching and was recently awarded the title of EMS Program Director. During that time Jim earned his Associate, Baccalaureate, and Master Degrees, in addition to being awarded the rank of Associate Professor earlier this year. Jim was instrumental in helping the CSI EMS program gain the 2009 Idaho PTE Program of the Year award. In 2013, after 24 years of service, Jim retired from the Magic Valley Paramedics to focus on his work at the College of Southern Idaho.

In addition to his work as a paramedic and faculty member, Jim was also a member of the National Association of EMS Educators, National Registry of EMTs, Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee for EMS Instructors, served as Vice President for the American Society Training Development for membership and served on the board for PTE at Filer High School. Jim also taught the Magic Valley community and St. Luke’s MVRMC employees required courses, such as Basic & Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support…just to name a few. Jim was an incredibly knowledgeable paramedic and educator. Very few possessed the experience and knowledge that he did regarding Emergency Medical Services.

Jim enjoyed spending time with his family and spoke frequently of his wife, Rhonda, and his three sons, Cody, Cole, & Keaton. He was an extremely supportive and loving husband and father, providing the motivation for all three of his sons to pursue certifications in EMS. He loved the outdoors, particularly hunting, fishing, & camping. Jim was also very active with First Baptist Church in Filer…serving as a deacon for several years.
Jim was a wonderful person. He always offered help to anyone in need, had an incredible sense of humor and was frequently seen partaking in office “pranks” to help everyone laugh and take themselves a little less seriously. He was a very loyal friend and an outstanding peer. His loss is deeply felt by his family, friends, and colleagues.

Services will be held at the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium, Saturday, September 20th, 2014 at 2pm.

Jim’s family has incurred a substantial financial burden as a result of complications arising from hip surgery earlier this year. Therefore, a Support Fund has been setup for Jim’s family through Idaho Central Credit Union, aptly named: Jim Massie’s Memorial Fund.

You can also donate through GOFUNDME.com Use the following address if the link does not work: http://www.gofundme.com/enfa4k