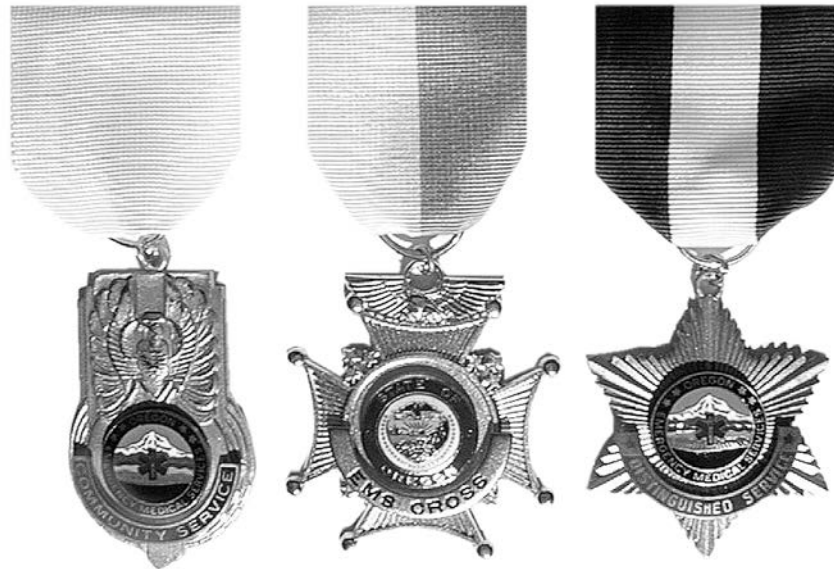




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INTRODUCTION

The Oregon EMS Awards Program is intended to recognize excellence, to foster achievement, and to honor those in and around EMS Systems whose acts and deeds stand out from the day-to-day excellence of that system.

The 2008 EMS Awards Program *Book of Recognition* memorializes the recipients of EMS program awards during the award cycle of June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008. Listed in the succeeding pages are brief descriptions of the awards presented and citations upon which they are based.

There are many noteworthy acts performed every day by EMS providers across the State of Oregon. It is not possible to recognize the hundreds of providers responsible for those many good deeds. This book is dedicated not only to those whose names and deeds are included, but to any others who, unknown to this committee, also performed acts and deeds representing the best traditions of our calling and profession.

We would like to thank the following people for their participation on the awards selection committee:

- Peggy Andrews representing the College Consortium
- Tina Greiner representing the Oregon Volunteer Fire Association
- Dave Lapof representing the 2009 EMS Conference Planning Committee
- Jan Lee representing the Oregon State Ambulance Association
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CIVILIAN SERVICE MEDAL

The Civilian Service Medal recognizes a civilian who provides extraordinary service during the course of an EMS emergency.

Name: Penny Smith, Seven Feathers Casino



Penelope I. Smith (Penny)

Ms. Penny Smith is a waitperson at Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville, Oregon. Penny has been certified in CPR since 1999.

During the past year, Penny has been involved in three lifesaving efforts while performing her duties as a waitperson at the 24 Hour Restaurant at Seven Feathers.

The first incident occurred on August 16th, 2008. Penny was serving when a female employee collapsed. Penny responded immediately, starting CPR and continuing until Security First Responders arrived with an AED. Penny continued to apply CPR in between applications of the AED, and in the end, the patient regained her ability to breath and her heartbeat was steady when she was transported. Penny's quick and positive actions helped save the patient's life.

The second save occurred on September 11th, 2008 when a guest choked on some food and stopped breathing. Again, Penny responded and administered the Heimlich maneuver. When that failed, she applied chest compressions assisted by arriving First Responders.

The patient's airway was cleared and Penny continued to perform CPR which resulted in the patient breathing on her own. The patient was subsequently transported by ambulance.

The third incident occurred on February 2nd, 2009. Penny was working when she noticed that a Guest had stopped breathing and was indicating that she was choking by holding her throat. Penny again responded by applying the Heimlich maneuver numerous times, which resulted in a large piece of food being expelled. The patient began breathing on her own and left the Restaurant with family members.

Penny has always taken her life-saving skills very seriously, making sure that she has her technique "just right" when she re-certifies. Penny would say she was just in the right place at the right time, but we are all extremely proud of her willingness to step up when it counts.



Names: Paul Knox, Ted Lambert, John Leary, Thomas Miller, Mark Morford, Mike Niemeyer, Tygh Parr, and Brad Sieberling

The morning of May 17 was a beautiful day to be climbing Mt Hood and numerous teams were taking advantage of it. The weather conditions were ideal, however, as the sun began to shine on the upper slopes it melted the ice covering the mountain which began to fall off in chunks of ice and rock, pelting the climbers. Climber John Creager was descending the main route when he fell and slid approximately 500 feet. He came to rest on a relatively flat spot just west of the Hogsback Ridge. Also climbing that day were the patient's climbing partners Paul Knox and John Leary, as well as Mike Niemeyer, and members of Boy Scout Troop One including Scout Leaders Mark Morford, Thomas Miller, Ted Lambert and Scout Tygh Parr.

The first climbers to reach the patient were Mike Niemeyer, Scout Leaders Thomas Miller (also a Mazama climb leader) and Ted Lambert (Assistant Scoutmaster), and Scout Tygh Parr. Several other climbers quickly followed. Mike took charge of patient assessment and first aid, while the others helped him. They got his pack off, and rolled him onto a tarp and pad. They moved him a few feet away from the worst of the ice and rock fall.

Mark Morford was still above the patient with three Scouts on his rope. The falling climber and his gear narrowly missed them as he slid past. Mark stated "I was afraid that more stuff was coming, so I moved my team off to the west where we stopped to call 911. We then headed down to the patient, but did not reach him until 15 to 20 minutes after the fall. When we reached the patient, Mike Niemeyer was caring for him, while Thomas Miller, Ted Lambert, Tygh Parr and a couple of other climbers had formed a human wall to bat icefall away from Mike and the patient. The scene was obviously dangerous with large ice chunks flying in; so I sent Tygh Parr and the scouts on his rope to safety on the Hogsback Ridge. Soon, Paul Knox and John Leary two of the patient's companions arrived. I identified Paul Knox as the patient's closest friend and instructed him to stay right by the patient to talk to him and maintain physical contact with him while he was coming to, he did this loyally. John Leary did various odd jobs and served in the human ice barrier."

Morford knew that they needed to move the patient to a safer area. He got recruits to dig a ledge about 75 feet south on the side of the Hogsback where there did not appear to be significant risk of icefall. He organized a team of 8, including himself, Thomas Miller, Ted Lambert, Mike Niemeyer, Paul Knox, John Leary and 2 others to carry the patient to the ledge. With 6 climbers on the sides of the rolled tarp, Mike at the head and John at the feet the patient was moved to the ledge. At this point, Morford considered the situation

stable and told most of the climbers they could leave if they wanted to. Thomas Miller and Ted Lambert joined their Scouts and took them down the mountain. Paul Knox, John Leary, Mike Niemeyer and Mark Morford stayed to care for the patient.

Meanwhile the American Medical Response Reach and Treat Team and Portland Mountain Rescue members had been dispatched and were responding. A Timberline Ski Area snow cat had been secured to take the rescue team as high on the mountain as they safely go. In accordance with policy an exception was made to the federal Wilderness regulations prohibiting motorized equipment in the Wilderness Area, the snow cat was allowed to go above the tope of the Palmer ski lift. Timberline snow cat operator Brad Sieberling successfully delivered the rescuers to just below Crater Rock saving them an hour of climbing time. As the Portland Mountain Rescue report notes, his skill in getting cat that high was key to a relatively rapid response. The rescuers were then able to travel quickly to the patient with their gear and proceed with patient care. The snow cat then went down to bring a second team of Portland Mountain Rescue team up.

American Medical Response Reach and Treat Team stabilized a suspected femur fracture, treated facial lacerations and took full spinal precautions with Portland Mountain Rescue's vacuum mattress, C collar and litter. Portland Mountain Rescue build a series of snow anchors and a rope system to bring the patient across a "dicey" steep side slope above the Devils Kitchen and eventually to the snow cat where he was loaded and transported via the American Medical Response ambulance at Timberline Lodge to OHSU.

Once in the hospital, the patient's x-rays showed no femur fracture however, initial reports indicated a C1 and C2 vertebrae fracture. There were no spinal cord deficits. The patient reported later that the fracture was only in C2 but the neurosurgeons told him that the fracture was extremely unstable and that his is incredibly lucky to have avoided permanent injury. He said that he considers all of the rescuers to be "Guardian Angels" and definitely worthy of any and all EMS Awards that are deemed appropriate.

COMMUNITY SERVICE MEDAL

The Community Service Award recognizes an EMT who has made outstanding commitment to the non-patient care aspects of a community's EMS system. Special emphasis is on EMS public information, education, and relations, community education, and prevention programs.

Name: Miguel Bautista, Jr., EMT-B

Agency: Willamette Valley Fire & Rescue Authority



Volunteer Fire Fighter, Miguel Bautista, Jr. has shown promising potential in the field of fire and emergency medical services. His strong work ethic and compassion for members of the community are just a few of his many assets. As a fire fighter he volunteers approximately 500 hours per year working on the front lines and drilling to keep his skills sharp. A person constantly committed to self improvement, he is also a full time student at PCC in their fire program. While these accomplishments deserve honorable mention, it is what Miguel does outside the fire department that sets him apart from the rest.

A balancing act like the one that Miguel manages requires confidence, determination, and support. He understands that in order to progress in life, one must have the selflessness and wisdom to listen to the experiences of others. Miguel has excellent leadership qualities, which help him build teamwork. Miguel also works full time with PacifiCorp as a bilingual customer service specialist. He took the initiative to apply for a Pacific Power Global Days of Service grant for his department for \$5,000. The grant provides needed uniforms and equipment to effectively serve his community. The 500 hours that he volunteered with the fire department was the most volunteer time for an applicant in

2008. He is currently in the process of organizing a clothing drive for his fire department and has looked to include other departments as well. Miguel's special skill sets have been recognized by upper management and his is routinely pulled off of the phones to manage the service level of the call center. This position requires high multi-tasking skills to meet the needs of the company as well as those of the employees. When he began 3 years ago he applied to be on the safety committee and was elected.

Superior emergency medical services and the professionalism associated with a fire department are expected. Miguel made it a point to assure that the same standards he upholds as a volunteer were to be met at his job. A prerequisite for the safety team is to have the desire to maintain the health and safety of everyone in the building, to which he is highly committed. Each month, Miguel put out a newsletter to educate others on such topics as signs of Seasonal Affective Disorder, how to recognize and treat spider bites and eating wellness. He looked to members of the call center to come up with topics of interest and offered for them to write their own articles. Monthly inspections of the call center required him to verify that all fire extinguishers and flashlights were fully charged; that all medical kits as well as medicine cabinets were fully stocked and that outdated medicines were disposed of properly. Miguel developed medical information/emergency contact cards for everyone in the center as a fast reference guide. He played a critical role in the planning of the company's health fair for the past 2 years. He networked with health agencies to provide free health screenings as well as a training to discuss what resources are available through the Employment Assistance Agency.

His training as a volunteer has prepared him to respond to medical emergencies. On July 18th, 2008 an employee went into hypoglycemic shock. The woman had lost consciousness by the time Miguel had arrived. He was able to recognize the signs of a diabetic related emergency and closely observed her vital signs until EMS services could take over. Such character traits are difficult to find in a seasoned veteran, not to mention a young man of 24 years of age. Miguel always stands tall in difficult times and finds light in the knowledge that his actions will have a lasting effect on generations to come.



UNIT CITATION

The EMS Unit Citation recognizes acts of organizations, units, or specially constituted teams in providing emergency pre-hospital care or EMS system support activities under extreme circumstances.

Agency: Benton County Sheriffs Office, City of Corvallis Benton County 911, Corvallis Fire Department, Monroe Rural Fire Protection District, and Reach Air Medical Services

Names: *Benton County Sheriffs Office* – Deputy Randy Heiner; *City of Corvallis Benton County 911* – Lynn McMurphy; Sue Stutheit; and Andrew Thompson; *Corvallis Fire Department* – Will Bauscher, EMT-P; Jason Dennis; Mark Foster; EMT-B; and Joe Van Veldhuizen, EMT-B; *Monroe Rural Fire Protection District* – Eric Eastridge; Captain Tim Eastridge; Brian Ellsworth, FR; Jackie Essner; Scott Lee; Orin Nusbaum, FR; Virgil Oakes; Mark Poorman; Chief Rick Smith, EMT-I; Matt Thompson, EMT-B; Captain Ron Thompson, FR; and Michelle Turner, FR; *Reach Air Medical Services* – Jan Burger; Charlie Jones; and Sam Lillie, EMT-B



On, October 3rd 2008 members of the Monroe Rural Fire Protection District were called to a farming accident involving a female patient. The patient was conscious and talking when the first arriving units made contact. The patient stated that she had really messed up this time and to not let her die. The patient's friend stated that the patient had been working drilling post holes alone and that he had found her

attached to the post hole implement spinning around with the implement, she had been there for an unknown amount of time. The friend shut off the tractor, stopping the implement and had other family members call 911. Upon the fire departments arrival they found a 38 year old female, bleeding from amputated right arm at the shoulder, bleeding from 98% amputated left arm at the shoulder, and bleeding from a large laceration left lateral chest, starting at approximately the armpit and continuing for approximately 12 to 14 inches towards the patients abdomen. The implement was disengaged from the power source, and both the tractor and implement stabilized. Patients right arm was entangled to the post hole implement by multiple layers of the patients clothing only the wrist, hand, fingers and other tissues of the arm were exposed. The remaining portion of the right arm attached to the patient was approximately upper shaft of the humerus, this remaining portion of the arm was oozing and bleeding controlled with direct pressure. The patients left arm also entangled to the post hole implement by multiple layers of the patients clothing only the hand, fingers and proximal end of the arm were exposed. The left arm was still attached to the patient by an approximate 3 inch wide piece of skin located on the dorsal aspect of the patient left shoulder, multiple fractures of the humerus and bone pieces noted on the left side. The patient was placed on a backboard to relieve the tension on the remaining attachment of skin on the left arm and to stabilize the patient's spine, manual C-spine was held while patient was removed from the implement. The implement could not be reversed manually because of the attached skin on the left arm, removal from the implement had to be done by cutting the clothing away from the detached limbs and the implement itself. The patient's right arm was disentangled from the implement at approximately 09:00, the arm was placed into a bag and icepacks were placed on the outside of the bag and another bag placed over that bag and turned over to Corvallis Fire 124. At approximately 09:07 the rest of the patient was disentangled from the implement and full c-spine precautions taken. At this time the patient was turned over to Reach 8 and CFD 124. The patient and extremities were transported to landing zone by 124 and then transported to Emanuel Hospital in Portland by Reach 8.

This complex and multifaceted extrication required almost an hour of intense yet extremely delicate work. Each individual played an integral part in ultimately saving her life. The recipients of the Unit Citation are from Monroe Fire: Chief Rick Smith, Matt Thompson, Brian Ellsworth, Captain Ron Thompson, Michelle Turner, Orin Nusbaum, Captain Tim Eastridge, Mark Poorman, Virgil Oakes, Eric Eastridge, Jackie Essner and Scott Lee.

Also responding to this incident and receiving the Unit Citation are members of Corvallis Fire 124, Reach 8 Air Ambulance, Benton County 911 Dispatch, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office. Without the tireless efforts of each and every member at this incident, the outcome of this call could have been distinctly different.



Agency: Columbia Memorial Hospital, Gearhart Fire Department, Medix Ambulance, and Providence Seaside Hospital

Names: *Columbia Memorial Hospital* – Floyd Baker, RN; Lori Christiansen, RN; Julie George, RN; Sue Heineck, MD; Chris Hogan, RN; Kevin Johnson, CRNA; Randy Johnson, CRNA; Jeremy McArthur, RN; Jennifer Quigley, RN; and Truman Sasaki, MD; *Gearhart Fire Department* – Ron Britton, FR; Carl Brown, FF; Tony Como, FF; Judy Curnow, EMT-I; Joey Daniels, EMT-I; Bill Eddy, EMT-I; and Travis Owsley, FF; *Medix Ambulance* – Blair Kok, EMT-P; Mike Lang, EMT-B; Beth MacNicoll, EMT-P; Duane Mullins, EMT-P; and Levi Parker, EMT-B; *Providence Seaside Hospital* – Casey Berndt, RN; Kirk Cozee, RN; Tim Jobe, RN; Tim Opie, MD; and Mary Romanaggi, RN



Shortly after 6:30AM on August 4, 2008 a single engine aircraft with 2 passengers on board crashed into a single-family home that was being used as a vacation rental. The house had 6 people inside, 1 adult and 5 children. The adult and 2 children managed to get out of the house after the plane hit it and exploded, but they were severely injured with burns and lacerations over most of their bodies.

Through the coordinated efforts of Medix Ambulance, Gearhart Fire Department, and both local hospitals, Providence Seaside Hospital and Columbia Memorial Hospital, the survivors were triaged and transported to both hospitals, then stabilized prior to being transported the Emanuel Burn Center. The number of patients on scene was very difficult to determine because the exact number of people in the house, on board the plane and in the neighboring structure, which was also destroyed, were not known.

Once the patients were received at both hospitals the Doctors, Nurses and hospital staff went to work stabilizing the patients and consulting with Emanuel Burn Center regarding appropriate treatment of these types of injuries.

This type of call is the kind Ambulance providers, Fire Departments, and Hospitals drill for all the time, but with luck may go an entire career without encountering. Our luck ran out on August 4, 2008. Unfortunately 5 people were killed as a result of this accident, but 3 were saved due to the training and the fact that all four agencies involved train and work together to be as prepared as possible for such a horrific event.



Agency: Nestucca Rural Fire, Tillamook County General Hospital Ambulance, Tillamook County Sheriff's Office

Names: *Nestucca Rural Fire* – Captain Levi Beachy, FR; Simon Carillo, FR; Laurie Caspell, EMT-P; Jaynie Cole, FR; Lieutenant Travis Cole, FR; Ann Cunningham, FR; John Eckhardt, EMT-B; Lieutenant Don Harrison, FR; Deputy Chief Mickey Hays, EMT-B; Deputy Chief John Kiefel, EMT-I; Patrick Maahs, FR; Neil Marquis, FR; Sherrienne Remington, FR; Captain Jim Strassle; Jeneanne Upton, FR; and Jared Wakefield, FR; *Tillamook County General Hospital Ambulance* – George (Bill) Allen, EMT-P; Paul Fredericksen, EMT-P; Jennifer Joslin, EMT-P; Trisha Moore, EMT-P; Don Siemsen, EMT-P; Robert Singleton, EMT-P; and Nick Watts, EMT-P; *Tillamook County Sheriff's Office* – Sergeant Michael Fox; Deputy Jim Horton; and Commander Eric Swanson, EMT-P.



At about 9:30 p.m., on September 26, 2008, the quiet night was shattered by the sounds of roaring engines and screeching metal, and the night sky was lit up with a large fireball. The Tillamook 9-1-1 District received a report of a serious injury crash on the “flats” at Sandlake Recreation Area.

Personnel from Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District, the Tillamook County Sheriff’s Office, and Tillamook Hospital Ambulance were dispatched to the call.

The first rail was found on its top with its occupant lying face down outside of the vehicle. The second rail, which had been run over by the first rail, held a total of four occupants. The driver, who sustained a direct impact from the first rail, was killed instantaneously, as well as the passenger, seated directly behind him.

In the front passenger seat was a male who had sustained chest and abdominal trauma. His left leg had been traumatically amputated just below the knee, and was rotated 180 degrees. The rear seat passenger was critically injured with head, neck, and chest trauma. The steel frame tubing of the rail entrapped both, which was cut away using battery operated reciprocating saws carried on the sand rescue vehicles.

Rescue personnel were not able to access the patients without having four-wheel drive capability. Units were staged in the parking lot and were shuttled a mile across the dunes to the scene.

The explosive impact of the crash had left a gruesome scene; a debris field of scattered metal and human remains littered the sandy landscape for nearly 100 yards from the point of impact. Commanders began planning for critical incident stress debriefing before the first patient had left the scene.

All three (3) patients were transported from the parking lot within 40 minutes of the first arriving fire and law enforcement personnel; an exceptional scene time based on the location of the incident, the logistical hurdles, and the fact that the third ambulance came from nearly 40 miles away.

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Tillamook County General Hospital



LIFESAVING MEDAL

The Lifesaving Medal recognizes an EMT who, while in an off-duty or volunteer capacity, makes an extremely noteworthy contribution to efforts which result in the saving of a life.

Name: John Barr (not pictured); Lynn Barr (not pictured); Ralph Corliss, FR; Gary Hermes, FR; Vickie Hermes, FR; and John Jason, FR

Agency: Looking Glass Rural Fire Department



Ralph Corliss



Gary Hermes



Vickie Hermes



John Jason



Assistant Chief
Keith Williams

On June 7, 2008, four Looking Glass Rural Fire Department members and two civilians saved the life of Mr. Keith Williams. Mr. Williams is also the Assistant Chief of Looking Glass Rural Fire Department. Douglas County Dispatch received a 911 call of a male not breathing with CPR in progress. LRFD arrived on scene. Chief Gary Hermes reported to dispatch the event was witnessed with CPR initiated by two civilians, John and Lynn Barr. LRFD applied an AED, delivered defibrillation, and continued CPR until the transporting ambulance arrived on scene. LRFD crew consisted of Fire Chief /First Responder Gary Hermes,

Firefighter/First Responder Vickie Hermes, Firefighter/First Responder Ralph Corliss, and Firefighter/First Responder John Jason. Winston-Dillard Fire District's ambulance arrived on scene and applied quick patches to find a PEA without respirations. Paramedics took over the airway, monitor, IV, and medications while LRFD continued CPR. Mr. Williams' condition greatly improved. LRFD and WDFD continued treatment to the receiving hospital. Mr. Williams was hospitalized and underwent corrective surgery for heart problems. He is continuing as Looking Glass Assist Chief, living a normal and productive life. Without the actions of the bystanders and Looking Glass Rural Fire Department, Mr. Williams surely would have perished that day. For their life saving actions on June 7, 2008, John and Lynn Barr, Fire Chief /First Responder Gary Hermes, Firefighters/First Responders Vickie Hermes, Ralph Corliss, and John Jason are awarded Oregon's EMS Life Saving Award.



MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The Meritorious Service Medal recognizes an individual for a particular act of meritorious service in EMS.

Name: Elizabeth MacNicoll, EMT-P and Levi Parker, EMT-B

Agency: Medix Ambulance



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Senior Paramedic Elizabeth (Beth) Macnicoll and EMT-Basic Levi Parker was the on duty crew in the Gearhart area that morning. Upon being dispatched to an airplane hitting a house, they went enroute and approached the address from the south side of the incident. Debris from the house, which had exploded from the impact of the airplane, and a fire truck from Gearhart Fire Department blocked their path to their patients. Beth went on foot with her medical gear and oxygen to the patients while Levi took another route to the patients. Beth assumed Medical Command and began triaging the first of three patients. A second ambulance was dispatched to the scene while Beth and Levi, with the assistance of two Gearhart EMTs, initiated care for the 2 most serious patients and loaded them in her ambulance for transport to Columbia Memorial Hospital. The third patient was being treated at this time by an off duty Medix Paramedic who had arrived on scene. The last patient was loaded and transported to Providence Seaside Hospital.

Multiple members of the victim's families, local bystanders from the neighborhood, and an unknown number of possible patients added a level of involvement most ambulance crews never have to experience. Unfortunately 5 people died as a result of this accident, but 3 were saved due to the training and professionalism exhibited by Beth and Levi in the most trying of times.



EMS Commitment To Quality

Honors an EMS system or individual EMS agency, or sub-unit of an EMS agency, which has demonstrated commitment to the principles of quality improvement, customer service and excellence in EMS to Quality Award.

Agency: Woodburn Ambulance (WA) and Woodburn Fire District (WFD)

Names: *Woodburn Ambulance* – Michael Dayton, EMT-P; Mike Hoopes, EMT-P; and Stephanie Nelson, EMT-P; *Woodburn Fire District* – Miranda Carroll, EMT-B; Derek Dmochowsky, EMT-B; Raul Garza, EMT-I; Captain Jay Hannon, EMT-I; Captain Paul Iverson, EMT-I; Joseph Jacobucci, EMT-B; James Oswell; Lieutenant Jeremy Peil, EMT-B; Brian Will, EMT-B; and Todd Woodward, EMT-B.

On December 12, 2008 at 1730 hours a bomb exploded at the West Coast Bank in Woodburn, Oregon. The first arriving units on scene quickly began triage even though the scene was still not secured. They entered the bank under extreme conditions in a scene that looked like a military conflict consumed by the explosion and human carnage; where they found Chief Russell laying on the floor with sever lower extremity injuries and extensive facial trauma. Using a pant belt from one of the law enforcement offices on scene they quickly applied tourniquets to his lower extremities to control the hemorrhaging. He was immediately transported to OHSU where he was admitted to the OR as a Level 1 Trauma entry for treatment of his injuries.

While the crew from Woodburn Medic 23 and the crew from Woodburn Fire Engine 21 were attending to the injuries of Chief Russell and beginning transport, the crews from Medic 21 and Air Truck 23 attended to the injuries of the a bank employee who was located in her car in the parking lot. She was transported to Salem Memorial Hospital for her injuries.

While two officers died that day; Senior Trooper William Hakim of the Oregon State Police and Capt. Tom Tennant of the Woodburn Police Department, Chief Scott Russell's life was saved by the quick actions of **Paramedic Stephanie Nelson** and **Paramedic Michael Dayton** along with members of Woodburn Fire District **Intern Firefighter Todd Woodward** and **Firefighter / Apparatus Operator Raul Garza** who assisted during the transport to OHSU

In the words of Dr. Jonathan Ilgen the attending physician, he had this to say;
“The pre-hospital care that he (Chief Russell) received was absolutely stellar, with RSI to protect his airway (anticipating that the facial trauma he had suffered could possibly compromise his airway en route), and bilateral tourniquets to control the massive hemorrhage from both of his legs. These were all life-saving measures executed to perfection, and done under likely very emotional and difficult circumstances”.



MEDAL OF VALOR

The Medal of Valor recognizes acts of personal valor or heroism in the delivery of emergency medical care, which results in the saving of a life under extreme conditions and in extraordinary circumstances.

Name: Matt Snauer, EMT-P

Agency: Lane Rural Fire/Rescue



On September 12, 2008 I suddenly started to have signs of an heart attack. I turned to my husband and told him to call 911. I then got transported to the hospital with Matt Snauer, who was the paramedic working on me in the back of the ambulance. As we were in the ambulance two minutes away from the hospital, I sat up off the gurney and told Matt something was not right and right then my eyes rolled into the back of my head, my lips turned white and I then hit the gurney. After that all I remember is Matt saying "I lost her radial pulse, get the E.R. on the radio now, I am now going to shock, Start going code 3. When I regained consciousness I opened my eyes and saw Matt smiling down at me saying to me" I am glad your back, now lets get yo out of the back of this ambulance." As I arrived at the hospital there were doctor's and nurse's everywhere and not once did Matt leave my side and stood there for hours holding my hand as I went into tachycardia arrest 6 more times that night and every time I would open my eyes he was still standing there holding my hand and smiling down at me. I cannot tell you how much that meant to me. When you go through something so terrifying like this you don't know what to expect o

happen next. Just knowing that when you wake back up he is going to be there no matter what. Matt Snauer went above and beyond his line of duty. Thank you for giving Matt Snauer this award and taking the time to to read my letter, it means alot.

Thank you
Nicole Sherman-Evenson



Name: Danielle Earle, EMT-I and Matthew House, EMT-P
Agency: Western Lane Ambulance District



On March 9, 2009, Matthew House, Paramedic, and Danielle Earle, Intermediate, from Western Lane Ambulance District, were bringing a patient into the Peace Harbor Hospital Emergency Department.

Upon arrival it was apparent the Emergency Department was very busy as there was no one available to direct them to a room.

They were in the process of moving their patient onto the bed when the patient in the adjoining bed said he was feeling faint. Mr. House peeked around the curtain and noted that the patient had lost consciousness and the monitor showing the patient's heart rhythm went from non-lethal to lethal V-fib.

Mr. House immediately got the Crash Cart while Ms. Earle wheeled their original patient into the hallway and called for a Code, alerting the Emergency Room crew there was a life threatening problem. Unbeknownst to them, the Emergency Department Physician was helping the Operating Room run a Code and was not available. Mr. House took control, charging the defibrillator and applying one shock to the patient, thus bringing him out of a lethal heart rhythm into a viable heart rhythm. Ms. Earle continued providing care to their original patient, calming her in this trying ordeal.

The Emergency Department Physician rushed in and noted the patient had responded well to the shock and he then continued his evaluation and management.

Again the patient went into a lethal heart rhythm. Under the Doctor's supervision, the heart was shocked a second time with Mr. House assisting with CPR and an Epinephrine injection.

During the transfer to RiverBend in Eugene, the patient's heart and blood pressure were good with no signs of ill effect, all thanks to the quick thinking and expertise of two well-trained Emergency Medical Technicians.



EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The EMS Educator of the Year Award honors an EMS educator, either pre-service or in-service, who excels as a teacher or who has made a significant contribution to the EMS education program in Oregon.

Name: Susan Agalzoff, EMT-P

Agency: Seaside Volunteer Fire and Rescue



Lt. Agalzoff has been with the Seaside Fire Department since 1997 and was the first person in department history to be promoted to the position of EMS Officer. In her role as the EMS Officer, Lt. Agalzoff teaches the south Clatsop county First Responder class, and conducts the annual CPR training for the Seaside volunteers. Additionally, Susan teaches CPR and AED courses the Seaside Police Department, as well as other county fire and police agencies.

In addition to her department duties, Lt. Agalzoff is also the EMT-Basic instructor for Clatsop Community College. Her teaching work load also includes numerous classes for the community, such as the Head Start faculty, the Seaside pool lifeguards, and the City of Seaside Beach lifeguards.

Susan also balances her educational obligations with her family. She is wife to Mark Agalzoff and mother to four children. While she spends much time away from home at work with Medix ambulance, at the Fire Department fulfilling her duties as the EMS Officer, or teaching in the community, her family has remained the highest priority.

Lt. Susan Agalzoff is a highly respected and regarded member of the Seaside Fire Department. It is her enthusiasm, style of teaching, and professionalism that keeps her so highly recommended within the EMS agencies of Clatsop County and the community.



EMS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

The EMS Administrator of the Year honors an EMS system administrator who has distinguished him or her self through noteworthy contribution to a local, regional, or statewide EMS system.

Name: Marc Kilman-Burnham, EMT-B

Agency: American Medical Response Northwest, Inc.



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Dear Selection Committee;

I am very proud to nominate Marc Kilman-Burnham for Oregon State EMS Administrator of the Year.

Marc has been working in the EMS system for American Medical Response (AMR) in Oregon since the late 1990's. During his tenure he served in a wide variety of areas, both at the policy level and at the grassroots level providing service to the people of Oregon.

Mr. Burnham is an outstanding leader. He currently serves as a Vice Chairman for the North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce, Facilities Director for the Gladstone Community Club, and as the third and fourth grade Camp Director for Camp Yamhill's summer program. He also provides lectures and advice on all areas of safety and health to many of the long term care facilities in Oregon.

Mr. Burnham is also very active in the Oregon State Ambulance Association. This association actively participates in local, regional and national efforts to ensure that issues around ambulance service are considered during the legislative and regulatory processes. Recently he worked on a campaign to reach our federal elected officials to help keep critical funding for Medicare payments.

Mr. Burnham wanted to make sure Oregon's senior citizens continue to get the medical attention they deserve. Through his efforts over 3,000 letters were sent to Oregon's US Senators and Congressional delegation.

Mr. Burnham has also served on numerous state and local entities including the Area Agency on Aging for Clackamas County, North Clackamas County Parks Board, North Clackamas County Chamber board and Executive Board, City of Gladstone Parks Board, and was Director of Education and Member Services for the Oregon Health Care Association.

Marc has also been willing to travel across the country to aid disaster victims, a true testament to his willingness to work hard and help his fellow citizens. Marc's daily

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demonstration of commitment, integrity, professionalism and compassion; truly embody the traits expected of the EMS Administrator of the year.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

Dave Hunt
State Representative
Speaker of the House



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EMS IMPACT MEDAL

The EMS Impact Award recognizes an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the Department of Human Service's efforts to develop a statewide EMS system.

Name: Brian Gross, MD

Agency: Jackson County EMS & Heart Clinic



Brian Gross, MD is a husband, father, soccer Dad, salmon fisherman, Segway driver, bowtie aficionado, cardiologist, EMT educator and advocate, and physician champion of the state of Jefferson (Southern Oregon and Northern California) STEMI program called ASSET – Acute ST Segment Elevation Taskforce.

Over the past 27 years, Dr. Gross has provided cardiology services, including coronary angiography and stent placement, to a multitude of patients in the region through the Heart Clinic of Southern Oregon and Northern California. During this time he has also provided numerous lectures to EMTs on a variety of topics, including EKG interpretation, MIs and his famous “Sex and Heart Disease”.

In late 2002, Dr. Gross initiated the regional ASSET STEMI program with EMS an equal player along with cardiologists, EDs, hospitals, and medical staffs. Since the program started in mid-June 2003 Dr. Gross has worked closely with EMS to streamline the process of opening a blocked coronary artery and reduce the number of “false positive” cath lab and cardiologist activations.

Over the last 6 years in the region, pre-hospital EKG interpretation by EMT-Ps and direct cath lab activation for patients with STEMI has shortened D2B and E2B times and

decreased mortality – an important patient outcome – results which have been presented at 2 national meetings and in 3 national publications, as well as at numerous presentations in Oregon. The ASSET STEMI program has been a model program for Oregon and the nation showing what EMTs can do as part of a STEMI system of care outside of an urban and university setting.

Dr. Gross has been a longtime EMS friend, advocate and champion and a strong and tireless proponent of EMS as an essential participant in a regional system for care of STEMI patients and is a very deserving recipient of the 2009 Oregon EMS Impact Award.



EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

The EMS Medical Director of the Year Award honors a physician who serves or has served the EMS system by providing medical direction, on-line or off-line, and who has served with distinction.

Name: Mohamud Daya, MD

Agency: Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue



Dr. Mohamud Daya has served the Oregon EMS community with distinction for over 20 years. His contributions to EMS providers and the patients we serve are many.

Dr. Daya has served the global EMS community from Nairobi, Kenya to Japan, Canada, India, and Pakistan. The experience gained through this continued involvement and worldwide studies has helped to keep us current on issues such as pandemic influenza, communicable disease, terrorism, cultural implications, and toxicology.

His publication experience includes EMS texts to assist those aspiring to become EMTs, to numerous articles which help to keep practicing field providers sharp in their knowledge and skills. As a researcher, he has been an EMS explorer who breaks paradigms while striving to improve patient outcome. His work in the area of citizen understanding of CPR, AEDs, and calling 9-1-1 has undoubtedly saved hundreds of lives.

Dr. Daya brings this experience directly to the EMS providers of Oregon. He has served on several State EMS committees, member/Co-Chair of ATAB-1, and OCEP.

He has provided medical direction for the Forest Service, Poison Control Center, Medical Resource Hospital, AA Ambulance, Portland Fire Bureau, West Linn Fire Department, Portland Memorial Coliseum, OHSU Advanced Paramedic Education Program, and the Portland Zoo. He currently serves as the Supervising Physician for TVF&R (since 1994), Forest Grove Fire Department, and the Washington County 9-1-1 center (WCCCA). “Mo” has also given back to his community as a Volunteer Physician for the Portland Marathon, Doernbecher Run for Charity, YMCA Cardiac Therapy program, and Portland Winter Hawks Hockey Club.

One of Dr. Daya’s greatest gifts is translating research into practice. As a mentor he is always looking for ways to effectively get information back to the field medic.

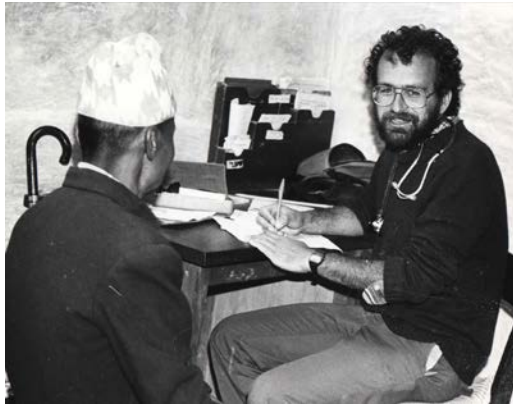


DIRECTOR'S MEDAL

The Director's Medal recognizes an individual for particularly noteworthy and substantial contribution to the EMS system of the State of Oregon.

Name: Paul Rostykus, MD

Agency: Jackson County EMS



Dr. Rostykus recently completed his term as Chair of the Oregon Medical Board EMT Committee and has been instrumental in rejuvenating the EMS Medical Director's Forum. He is also Medical Director for Jackson County and has dedicated countless hours improving EMS throughout the State through his involvement in programs such as the ASSET STEMI program and the EMS for Future Task Group.







Last Call

Berton Clark

Brian Gordon

Victor Hoffer III

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Lloyd Miles