



State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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**Suzette (Suzi) Mael, EMT-Basic (retired)
Monument Volunteer Ambulance
Blue Mountain Hospital Volunteer Ambulance**

This award goes to “retired” Suzette (Suzi) Mael from Monument. Suzi made a decision last year that before she retired from her “volunteer” ambulance service, she was going to do “one little thing” more for her community.

Starting with a little over \$100.00 in a bank account she worked untold hours raising approximately \$85,000 required for a new four-wheel drive ambulance for the “all volunteer” service.

The letter that nominated Suzi Mael stated “as I write this nomination request to you, our new ambulance is waiting to be picked up in Kansas and driven to its new home next to the city hall in Monument”. Virtually, every EMT on the Monument crew supported her nomination.



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**Kara L. Kohfield, EMT-Intermediate
Blue Mountain Hospital Volunteer Ambulance**

Kara Kohfield routinely goes beyond what is “required” of her on the job. The nomination letter remarked, “[She] gives tirelessly of herself to the citizens of Grant County . . . to small communities who rely on volunteer services for many of the emergency services that larger areas can pay for”.

Kara has been with Blue Mountain Hospital Volunteer Ambulance for 5 years while also working with the State Patrol Office in John Day. She also volunteers time to work on the protocols for the volunteers.

When asked why anyone would spend their time volunteering after working all day with the public, all she said was, “It’s fun”. The Director of her service noted that it is often said that she is the “best EMT that we have”.

Kara was recently nominated for and received the Oregon Insurance Council’s 2001 Human Concern Award. We recognize her for a way of life and a professional outlook that touches so many others.