



# State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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### **East Cascades Emergency Medical Services Council (E.C.E.M.S.)**

Sometimes the actions of individuals we seek to honor are performed from within a group. CO-SEMTA was a group formed in the early "70"s after identifying a need for a standardized approach to trauma and medical incidents in their region. CO-SEMTA was incorporated as a legal entity as the East Cascades Emergency Medical Services Council (E.C.E.M.S.) during the early "80"s. Medical Director for the group is physician Mathew Eschelbach.

Members have included regional EMS Directors and Coordinators from all over the ATAB 7 and the tri-county area (Decheutes, Jefferson, and Crook Counties). Representatives from all area hospitals, from the trauma advisory council, Central Oregon Community College (C.O.C.C.), and Central Oregon Fire Instructors Association (C.O.F.I.A.) are now included in the Council.

Meeting monthly, this council has been charged with developing, planning and implementing a variety of projects and services including:

- 1) A standard management system including a preplan for multiple patient incidents, utilized by all area EMS agencies.
- 2) Creation of a regional EMS educational resource center.
- 3) Research and adoption of Central Oregon and ATAB-7 standing orders and Medical/Trauma Protocols, signed, accepted, and reviewed periodically by all Medical Directors in the region.
- 4) Creation of a purchasing group to help standardize supplies and equipment.
- 5) Sponsoring educational/training and resource programs including Mass Casualty Incidents / Multi Patient Situations drills; a resource van; EMT



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continuing education; and regional conferences including but not limited to the Ochoco Rendezvous.

6) Providing a venue and format for administrators with EMS concerns who wish to voice opinions and seek solutions for issues such as Medicare / Medicaid changes, legislative issues, educational challenges for EMS providers and DHS updates.

7) Encouraging and advising participation in studies, such as the Auto-Launch program through local emergency flight service (Air Life) and the adult interosseous IV study.

East Cascades Emergency Medical Services Council has been vital to the health of EMS in Central Oregon. It provides a cohesive and effective means of communication between diverse departments allowing for a strong and united Emergency Medical Services system. The Council provides a local forum and is a model of a working regional system. It is for these particular noteworthy and substantial contributions to EMS in Central Oregon that we recognize East Cascades Emergency Medical Services Council with the Director's Medal.