



State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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**Brad Mc Kenzie, EMT-Intermediate
Santiam Hospital Ambulance
Stayton Volunteer Fire Department**

A woman and her child had been involved in a motor vehicle accident and had left their car at the accident scene. Brad McKenzie gave the patient and her daughter a ride from the Emergency Department of Santiam Hospital back to her car. The damaged car would not start, so he started it by shorting the circuit between the battery and the solenoid. The engine started and the car lurched into gear, popping out of “park” and rolling forward.

The woman’s two-year old daughter was standing next to him as the car started towards them. As if by instinct, he simply grabbed the child in his arms, dropped to the ground, and protected the child as the car rolled over them both. This award recognizes that selfless act of putting a child’s life ahead of his own.



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**William (Bill) Jaworski, EMT-Basic
Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District**

Following an earsplitting crash from the highway bridge next to his front yard, Bill Jaworski ran out to see the horrifying sight of a small pickup on fire with two people trapped inside. He called 911 and raced to assist them. He was able to get the driver out but as he tried to extricate the passenger the fire engulfed the pickup making it impossible to get the trapped, half-conscious young man out of the pickup. Bill ran for an extinguisher so he could keep the flames at bay until the fire department arrived.

When he returned Darren Berg, the hay truck driver had been able to extricate the passenger and Bill Jaworski began rendering care.

The nomination letter stated simply “Bill’s actions saved our fire department and our community great grief . . . the two young men were both recent graduates of Vernonia, both were well known to us and their loss would have been unthinkable. Nominating Bill Jaworski for the lifesaving medal is one way we can thank him.”