



State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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**Robert DeHaan, Engineer/Paramedic
Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue**

EMS personnel tend to be action-oriented people who like to see results. Results come in many different ways. The result Robert DeHaan was looking for was a reduction in the number of accidents and fatalities on the AS@curves of SW Scholls Ferry Road in Beaverton. Through his direct intervention and follow up actions by the Oregon Department of Transportation, Engineer/Paramedic Robert DeHaan has the result he was looking for and the State of Oregon's EMS Community Service Medal.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Engine 69 know this particular section of highway. Over a five-year period they have responded to 92 vehicle accidents along the curves. Many of them have involved fatalities. Having responded to youthful fatalities in back- to- back months, Robert decided to get involved. Within four days of the second fatality, there was a 4 x 8 foot sign that read @Dangerous Curves / Slow Down@. With the support and financial contributions of the community four more signs were planted along this stretch of road. In addition, drawing upon the resources of the county engineer, additional reflective signage and engineered controls were installed. The impact as reported in follow up reviews by the Oregonian and the county, is that accidents are almost nonexistent and there have been no fatalities. The numbers speak for themselves as to the efforts of Robert DeHaan in making his community a safer place.

Thank you, Robert, for your service to the community, aside from your EMS duties, which has made Oregon a safer place live.



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**John Creel, Firefighter/EMT-Intermediate
Hoodland Fire District No. 74**

Roads and highways are given names to guide us and direct us. Many roadways are known to have personality and reputations as well. Among emergency service personnel, the nickname **ABlood Alley@** is unfortunately all too common. A 32 mile stretch of Highway 26, east of Sandy, heading towards Mt Hood had earned the title **ABlood Alley@** from emergency responders. It has also been designated a Safety Corridor by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Through the efforts of John Creel this section of highway is rarely, if ever, referred to as **ABlood Alley@** anymore and the Highway 26 Safety Corridor Citizen's Advisory Commission has maximized the benefits of the designation. Not only for his efforts, but also for the success of his efforts, John Creel is being awarded the Community Service Medal.

Finding the initial results of the Safety Corridor inadequate, John mounted a public education campaign utilizing the three primary media resources. The focus of each was an 8-1/2 x 14 map of the corridor, which identifies the location of each accident and provides summary information. (The map continues to be used and is reissued every year with current data) Believing that there was more that could be done, John engaged the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon State Police in his efforts. The realization that citizen involvement was critical to success, yielded the Highway 26 Safety Corridor Citizen's Advisory Commission. The collaborative efforts of these three groups, along with John's dedication and enthusiasm has resulted in the most active Safety Corridor and a substantial reduction in accidents and loss of life along Highway 26. They continue to work together and are currently preparing a test program for reflective stripping and striping methods that are effective in inclement weather and at night.

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