



# State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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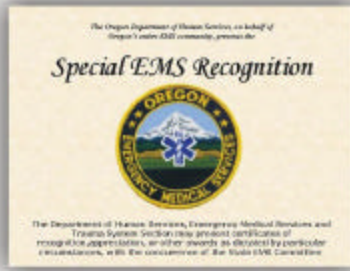
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## **Ted Farr, Captain/EMT-P Salem Fire Department**

For his involvement and efforts in championing EMS for over 20-years not only in his own department, but within the State of Oregon, and not only for the fire service, but for EMS as a whole, Captain and Paramedic Ted Farr is presented the Special EMS Recognition Award on behalf of the EMS Community within the State of Oregon.

With Captain Farr returning to operations and the line, it is appropriate and fitting to acknowledge Ted's involvement in promoting and developing EMS in the State of Oregon. If it was new and improved EMS, Ted was there. Ted was an original member of the Life Flight program (flight medic); an original member of the Pediatric Prehospital Care Program (PPC) faculty; an original member of Area Trauma Advisory Board #2 (ATAB2); an original member of the Oregon Research and Education Foundation (OREF); and an original member of the Marion County Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Committee. Even if not an original member, Ted was involved and a player. He was a player in the negotiated rule making process, which established the Medicare reimbursement fee schedule. He was a player and driving force in the Oregon Fire Medical Administrators' Association (OFMAA). He was a player in helping the Oregon Fire Chiefs' Association (OFCA) develop their legislative agenda. He is a player in the EMS education arena as regional faculty for Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) and faculty for the PPC program-as well as having instructor certification in a number of other educational programs. There is no question that Ted Farr has been a significant and substantive contributor to the development and promotion of EMS in the State of Oregon.

The EMS Community in Oregon thanks Ted Farr, for his dedication and contributions to improving EMS for the citizens, visitors, and the prehospital care providers of the State of Oregon.



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The Honorable Peter Courtney, State Senator

For his efforts in establishing EMS for Children (EMSC) in Oregon, passage of SB 243, and selection of EMSC to be the recipient of distribution, Senator Peter Courtney is presented the Special EMS Recognition Award on behalf of the EMS Community within the State of Oregon.

Because of Senator Courtney's efforts there is now an EMSC Committee in the State of Oregon actively working to fulfill the mandates of SB 243. This bill establishes designation criteria for pediatric care and pediatric care guidelines for both hospital and prehospital personnel. Later, Senator Courtney backed up his commitment to EMSC with funding legislation, which will allow for the implementation of the pediatric designation program and treatment guidelines.

The EMS Community in Oregon thanks Senator Peter Courtney, for improving pediatric care for the citizens and visitors to the State of Oregon.



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The Honorable Lenn Hannon, State Senator  
The Honorable Ben Westlund, State Representative

For their combined efforts to secure reasonable reimbursement for ambulance transportation through the Oregon Medical Assistance Plan Senator Lenn Hannon and Representative Ben Westlund are presented the Special EMS Recognition Award on behalf of the EMS Community within the State of Oregon.

Because of Senator Hannon's and Representative Westlund's efforts, reimbursement in many cases increased over 100%, allowing transporting agencies to recover the actual cost of moving patients. This is a huge step forward not only for transportation agencies, but also for EMS as a whole in Oregon. In light of the implementation of the Medicare fee schedule last year, this becomes an even more significant action in providing some stability in a very insecure financial environment. It is hoped that their actions will be noted at a national level, as recognizing the need for adequate reimbursement rates in an economically fragile time within the industry.

The EMS Community in Oregon thanks Senator Lenn Hannon and Representative Ben Westlund, for their efforts in securing additional funding for ambulance services in the State of Oregon.