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The Civilian Service Medal recognizes a civilian who provides extraordinary service during the course of an EMS emergency.

**Brandon Newberry; Terrebonne Oregon
Greg Schmidt; Terrebonne, Oregon**

It was a lovely spring day in Central Oregon when the call came into Crooked River Ranch RFPD for a fall with injuries. Dispatch further advised that the patient was a 10-year boy who had fallen approximately 30 feet off a cliff.

Brandon Newberry and his friend Darryl were enjoying the day as boys often do exploring their environment. As they sat on the cliff edge Darryl started sliding. He fell approximately 8-10 feet, bounced, fell an additional 30 feet, and then slid another 30 feet. Brandon called to his friend and heard him crying. Brandon ran to call for help. He arrived at the home of Greg Schmidt.

While Brandon was on the phone to 911, Greg ran down to help Darryl. Greg covered Darryl with his shirt and stayed with him, talking to him until EMS personnel arrived to take care of Darryl.

Without Brandon's quick thinking and response, Darryl could have been much more seriously injured. Without Greg's willingness to become involved, Darryl would have been left alone for more than a half hour.

Both individuals' actions contributed to Darryl's speedy recovery from a fall that could have ended much differently.

Thank you, Brandon and Greg for your willingness to get involved and your heroic actions, which resulted in saving a life.