



# State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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**Long Creek Volunteer Ambulance  
Blue Mountain Hospital Volunteer Ambulance  
Grant County Sheriff's Office**

On the night of May 23, 2003 the Long Creek Volunteer Ambulance was dispatched to assist Grant County Sheriff's Office at the scene of a domestic dispute. The officers did a search of the surrounding area and found no one. A small child could be seen not moving or responding to the knocking on the door. A second child was known to be in the house but could not be seen. One of the ambulance crew persons responded by personal vehicle (POV) and the rest of the crew in the ambulance to the scene after the scene was cleared.

As the ambulance arrived at the scene, the alleged assailant "dressed like Rambo" came out of hiding and shot one officer in the face at point blank range. He then ran toward the ambulance and the other officer, who was talking with the ambulance crew. The ambulance driver saw the assailant coming and shouted a warning to the officer. The driver punched the ambulance throttle just as the assailant fired again, hitting the ambulance. The next shot hit the other officer in the back of the neck and head. A third officer shot and killed the assailant.

The EMT that responded POV was at the downed officers side immediately as the scene was secured. The Long Creek Volunteer Ambulance responded back to the scene after the scene was cleared a second time.

The Blue Mountain Volunteer Ambulance - John Day ALS crew had staged outside of Long Creek until the scene was clear. Once cleared, they responded to meet the Long Creek Ambulance for a transfer of the critically injured officer to ALS care.

Thank you, Long Creek Volunteer Ambulance, Blue Mountain Hospital Volunteer Ambulance, and Grant County Sheriff's Office for your dedication to teamwork under extreme conditions.



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**Lake District Hospital, Lakeview, Oregon**

**Lakeview Disaster Unit, Lakeview, Oregon**

**Legacy Emanuel Hospital's Mobile Surgical Transport Team, Portland, Oregon**

**Dr. Bob Bomengen, Lakeview, Oregon**

**Dr. Kenneth Tuttle, Klamath Falls, Oregon**

Oregon's regional trauma system was put to the test. A farmer noticed the family's unoccupied vehicle near his field and went to investigate. The farmer spotted Josh Carlton, 14, lying nearby, bleeding, and called 9-1-1. Josh, from the rural town of Lakeview, Oregon had suffered a 22-caliber gunshot wound to his abdomen.

Josh was transported to Lake District Hospital with only a faint pulse, could not be stabilized to be flown to Legacy Emanuel Hospital's trauma center in Portland for the critical care he needed. Dr. Bob Bomengen and team worked to control the bleeding and called for assistance from Emanuel's Mobile Surgical Transport Team (MSTT).

While MSTT was en route, Dr. Kenneth Tuttle, a surgeon in Klamath Falls was called. Despite the bad weather, Dr. Tuttle raced to bring six units of additional blood and much-needed surgical clamps, sutures and grafts.

When the blood supply was exhausted, an extraordinary plea to the community for blood donations was made. Eight units of whole blood were collected and given directly to Josh. Dr. Hill stated, "If it weren't for the community blood donations and the work of the doctors from Lakeview and Klamath Falls, Josh Charlton wouldn't be alive today.

Josh has returned home to Lakeview following a lengthy stay at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland. His foster parents are thankful for the regional trauma system and the dedication and skill of all those who cared for their son.

Thank you, Lake District Hospital, Lake County Ambulance, Emanuel Hospital's Mobile Surgical Transport Team, Dr. Bob Bomengen and Dr. Kenneth Tuttle for your outstanding compassion and dedication to EMS of Oregon.



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**Grayback Forestry; Merlin, Oregon  
American Medical Response Reach and Treat, Portland, Oregon  
Mercy Flights, Inc., Medford, Oregon**

On July 28, 2002, Janette Morgan, a firefighter with Grayback Forestry of Merlin, Oregon, was fighting the Timbered Rock fire near the remote Elk Creek area of Jackson County. A burning 100-foot snag, approximately 20 to 24 inches in diameter fell over and began crashing down the steep terrain, heading directly for the firefighting crew. Although the crew attempted to outrun the falling snag, the tree struck Ms. Morgan in the back, knocking her down, rolling over her and striking her head. The crew of Grayback Forestry assisted their fellow firefighter along with the AMR Reach-and-Treat team. She was rapidly extricated from beneath the tree branches that pinned her and removed from the extremely dangerous fire area before further injuries to firefighters or the AMR RAT team could occur.

The patient was removed from the hill, and transported to a rendezvous location for air transport. The Mercy Flights helicopter was activated and transported the injured firefighter to Rogue Valley Medical Center where she was treated for a compression spinal fracture.

Grayback Forestry, American Medical Response RAT Team, and Mercy Flights worked together to rescue, treat, evacuate, and transport Janette Morgan, a severely injured firefighter, from an extremely hostile and dangerous scene. For their performance and professionalism in a less than ideal situation, these three agencies are recognized with a Unit Citation Award.

Thank you, Grayback Forestry, American Medical Response RAT Team and Mercy Flights for your heroic actions and dedication to Oregon EMS.