



# State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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

### **Josh and Ron Mast; Mast Brothers Towing and Collision Reedsport, Oregon**

Mast Brothers Towing and Collision has been providing an "extra hand" to coastal communities for nearly 35 years. What started for brothers Roger, Randy and Ron as a hobby in 1969 has grown to include six locations and twenty-plus employees. Mast Brothers have supported local community sporting events, extrication training for local departments, including wrecked vehicles for a "hands on" experience within a controlled environment.

The innovative assistance provided by Mast Brothers was apparent the evening of November 11, 2003, as two boys were hit while crossing busy Hwy 101 in Reedsport, Oregon. One of the boys was dragged 100 feet before stopping. By using two floor jacks, Mast Brothers lifted the weight of the car off the boy enough to safely extricate him from under the car and transfer to the waiting ambulance by responding personnel.

In the early evening of December 15, 2003, two mid-sized cars collided head-on near Winchester Bay, Oregon. Rescuers found two occupants in each car; a male in one car was dead from the impact and others would need heavy extrication to be freed. Josh Mast used the winch and hydraulics on the tow truck to roll the dash off the remaining patient. The experience and skill of Ron and Josh Mast, in their chosen profession, helped hasten a badly injured patient to waiting medical intervention.

On the morning of December 31, 2003, a pregnant woman lost control of her vehicle on the rain slick road, the car coming to rest on its top. She tried to wiggle out the broken drivers door window and became entrapped in the window opening, half in and half out of the vehicle. Upon seeing the difficulty that the rescuers were having, Josh offered to lift the vehicle straight up until the woman was able to slide the rest of the way out unharmed.

Thank you, Josh and Ron Mast of Mast Brothers Towing and Collision for your compassion, dedication, and innovative ways of helping others in times of need.