



State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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Victor J. Hoffer, EMT-Paramedic
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“I love to care for others, to make a difference!” That statement exemplifies Victor Hoffer. His dedication to EMS and the citizens of Oregon during a 24-year career is an achievement.

Victor is an advocate for the EMS community; he takes a proactive, participative stance as demonstrated by his contributions on multiple levels. As an EMS educator his passion for EMS is reflected by training new medics, teaching classes, serving on various committees, public speaking and most importantly continuing his active field practice as a paramedic. He is meticulous, responsive, and efficient in his efforts to improve the EMS system.

As a dedicated community servant he has made Public Service Announcements on safety and prevention issues; published articles, the most recent on the mandatory reporting of child abuse; coached a mock trial team; and was the medic for the Oregon School for the Deaf football program in 2003.

As a public speaker he leads discussions for high school students, emphasizing the value of medical careers. As an educator he teaches topics from medical legal issues to patient assessment.

Victor has served as the Chair of the Washington County Medical Advisory Board and a member of multiple local committees and boards. Currently he is a senior member of the Angel Falls Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol and the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary; DHS Certifying Officer and works locally as an evaluator.

Thank you, Victor, as your acts and deeds over this amazing amount of time clearly demonstrate a spirit of professionalism, conviction of dedication, commitment to others, and EMS in Oregon.



**Robert C. Gabler, EMT-Intermediate
Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District**

When one looks at the history and continued dedication to the EMS service at the Jefferson Rural Fire District, one will find a person whose name will appear repeatedly. Robert Gabler, an EMT-Intermediate, has been involved in EMS and volunteerism for nearly 18 years.

In December of 2003, Robert suffered a massive stroke. This life-threatening emergency may have ended his career as an EMS responder, however his continued willingness to provide consistent professionalism and his passion to contribute towards continuing education of EMS are two of the many reasons Robert has earned his EMS Cross.

Unknowingly, Robert has been a mentor to many. Helping anyone who needs guidance, he always finds ways to improve the quality in all aspects of the district he serves. Robert's involvement in assisting and developing the Junior Student Medic Program continues to be a huge asset.

Caring about people, commitment to personal excellence and service to others make him a role model for all of us.

Thank you, Robert, for your on-going dedication and contributions to the members of your community and Oregon EMS.