



State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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Ryan Davidson; Lakeview, Oregon

Riley Wessel; Lebanon, Oregon

Ken Chartier; Lakeview, Oregon

Bob Pardee; Lakeview, Oregon

Robert Ellingson; Baker City, Oregon

Jake Telford; Caldwell, Idaho

Nominated by: Charley Tracy, EMT-B, Lakeview Disaster Unit Volunteer

On January 28, 2006, a vehicle traveling north on Hwy 395 went off the road into Crooked Creek, approximately 18 miles north of Lakeview. The roads were icy and it was snowing. The driver of the vehicle, a woman in her 70's, and her son, in his 50's, were trapped in the vehicle. The car was upside down and filling with water. Ryan Davidson immediately stopped to help, along with his nephew Riley. Also stopping to assist were Ken Chartier, Jake Telford, Robert Ellingson, and Bob Pardee.

These men immediately flew into action. The only accessible door was the rear passenger door, as the others were under water or wedged in some rocks. They were able to hear the people calling for help. The tools used to open the door were a shovel, a hacksaw (which broke half way through), a tire iron, and a handy man jack used to jack the car to allow air into the vehicle. The men were standing in chest high icy water while trying to open the door.

After getting the door open, they were able to get out the male passenger. They moved him to the road and placed him in Ryan's vehicle. Riley used coveralls and his own coat to warm the patient along with the truck heater. Ryan and Jake immediately went back into the icy water to get the woman out of the vehicle. Once out of the vehicle, bystanders wrapped her in a horse blanket.

If these men had not stopped to help, the victims would have possibly died. Instead, the victims were already out of the vehicle and being warmed by the time the ambulance arrived.

Thank you, Ryan, Riley, Ken, Bob, Robert, and Jake for your willingness to get involved and for having compassion towards others in a time of need.



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**Logan Lewallen
Aumsville, Oregon**

Nominated by Dennis Schlies, EMT-Basic; Gates Fire Department

On March 16, 2006 at approximately 1330 hrs, 4 year-old Logan Lewallen was at home in Aumsville.

He tried to wake up his mother, who was on the floor in the bathroom. When she would not wake up, he went to the phone and dialed 9-1-1. His parents had recently taught him to call 9-1-1 as his mother had been having some medical problems.

Logan's call answered at Santiam 9-1-1 Center in Stayton by dispatcher Dennis Schlies, who first thought it, might have been a child playing on the phone. He started by asking where his parents were or if he was home alone.

The child stated his dad was at work and his mother was at home, sleeping on the floor in the bathroom, and would not wake up.

Dennis told Logan that the Aumsville Fire Department would be coming right over and be sure to let them into his house. Aumsville Fire and Santiam Medic were toned out along with Aumsville Police.

When they arrived, Logan was hesitant to let them in until he was assured they were who they said they were, as his parents had also told him about dealing with strangers. Logan let them in and his mother was transported to Santiam Memorial Hospital in Stayton.

For his early education and understanding of the importance of EMS activation, Logan Lewallen is awarded the Civilian Service Medal.