



# State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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**Bart Prouty**  
**Umatilla Volunteer Fire Department**

*Nominated by Christopher Jung, EMT-Basic, Morrow County Health District*

On September 29, 20005, two construction workers were overcome by gas in a sewer line 25 feet below street level.

While driving home from work, Bart stopped by the accident scene to see if the responders needed any assistance. He found that the department had no proper rescue equipment for a technical confined-space rescue. Mr. Prouty raced to his nearby home and brought back his own rock climbing ropes and harnesses.

Being that Bart had the most experience with the equipment, he was given an air pack from the fire department and proceeded down into the manhole. With some help from the responders on the street, Bart was able to rescue and retrieve the first victim.

Bart risked his life by going into a technically challenging rescue situation to save the life of the construction worker. Later when OSHA investigated the incident, the monitored levels of gas were found to be many times over IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health) levels.

**Thank you, Bart for your confidence, training and willingness to become involved this saved the life of another.**



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**Scott Arlin, EMT-Basic  
Banks Fire Department**

*Nominated by Levi Eckhardt, EMT-Intermediate, Banks Fire District #3*

Scott Arlin joined the Banks Fire District in the fall of 2004. A volunteer firefighter in Timber convinced Scott to join the department in an effort to help protect the town, being that the main station was 15 minutes away. Scott answered that call and has shown to be an asset above and beyond the call of duty.

Scott's commitment to community service and the department is exceptional. One of Scott's greatest attributes is his open and friendly attitude. He has a remarkable ability to cope with any given situation.

Scott tapped into all his strengths in an effort to assist in a life-threatening emergency on West Union Road. Scott put all his knowledge from the fire department as well as his own life experiences into use one afternoon, when a tar truck collided with a car, trapping three occupants.

The tar truck was leaking tar upon the car's occupants. Scott was at his place of employment just down the road from the scene when he was advised of the situation. Scott brought a crane from the shop and to assist with the life-saving efforts.

Scott, in conjunction with the personnel from Washington County Fire District #2 and Hillsboro Fire Department, was able to move the tar truck off the car and stabilize the truck. This allowed rescuers to extricate the car's occupants and ready them for transport.

Without Scott's quick thinking and training, the situation could have ended tragically.

**Thank you, Scott for your dedication and compassion for others in their time of need.**