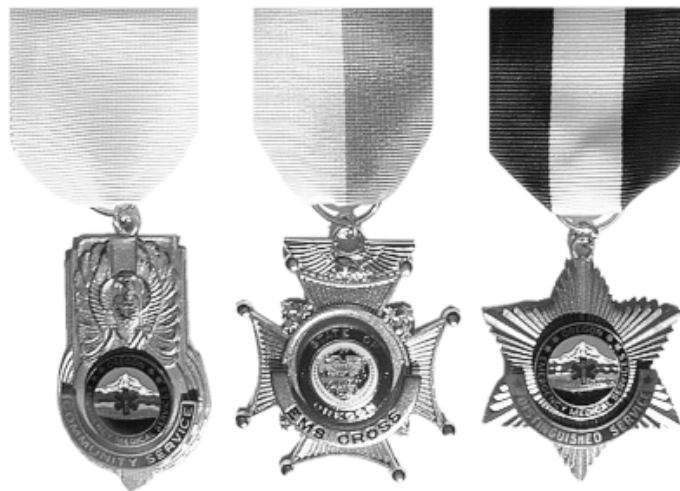




# State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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**Name:** Steve Godwin, Larry Boettcher, Ron Billings, and Dewain Farner



On September 28, 2007, Steve Godwin, Dwain Farner, Ron Billings, and Larry Boettcher; from Vinson Brothers Construction of Knappa, Oregon were working in southern Clatsop County.

The work was being overseen by Oregon Department of Forestry. The inspector fell off the trail, seven vertical feet, landing on his head.

Larry, saw a flash of movement. He turned to see the inspector on his hands and knees, trying to get on his feet. Larry jumped out of his excavator to help the victim. It appeared; the victim was going into shock and could cause further injuries to himself. Larry stabilized his neck and head, with his hands; and tried to get him to remain still.

Steve, Dwain, and Ron got down to the victim, they saw blood from a bad cut on his head and signs of hypothermia. They applied a bandage to control the bleeding. Dwain started the process of calling for help, but the cell phones do not work in that location. Larry continued to stabilize the head/neck of the victim, as they got him to his feet, Steve and Ron supported him. They walked the victim up to a crew-cab pick-up and positioned him in the front seat while the victim's head/neck was stabilized by Ron.



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They started to slowly drive out of the woods, towards Seaside. Dwain was able to make contact on a CB radio to call for help. At least one hour was cut by getting the victim out of the woods.

The next day the victim went in for surgery to fuse two vertebrae. He is now recovering and is back to work. The operating room nurse said the victim's injuries could have been much worse; resulting in paralysis or death; if it was not for the quick first aid and assistance.