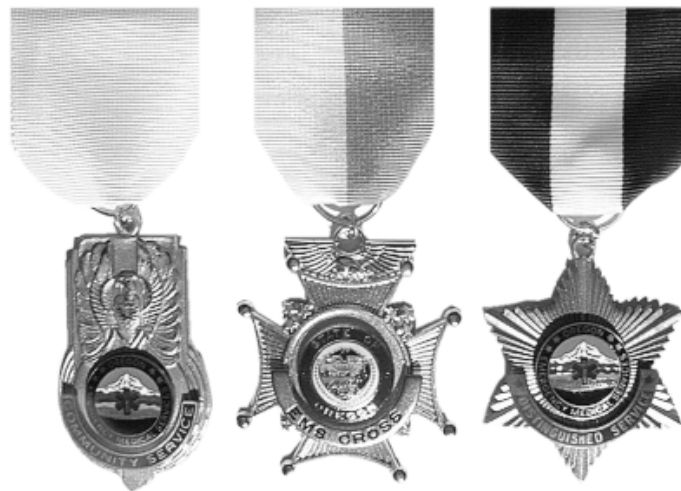




# State EMS Awards Book of Recognition



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**Name:** Larry Shock, EMT-P  
**Agency:** Eugene Fire and EMS



Larry Shock has been awarded the Oregon EMS Cross for 2008 based on 32 years of outstanding service, accomplishments, and especially his exemplary attitude.

Larry's future career began to take shape when he was 14 years old and completed a Red Cross First Aid course and became a swimming instructor at the YMCA. Following employment with California Department of Forestry, the US Army on a Medevac helicopter and Montana Department of Forestry, Larry and his wife Diane came to Eugene in 1976. After fruitless inquiries about Fire Department employment, Larry joined the private ambulance service Medical Services Incorporated (MSI). During his three-year tenure at MSI Larry's attitude, empathy and meticulous attention to detail manifested themselves. Following his employment by Eugene Fire Department in 1979, and later with the assumption of EMS services by Eugene Fire Department in 1981, Larry set an example for all EMS workers to emulate. Larry's quest for excellence, combined with Chief Bill



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Bass's desire to further community EMS care and conditions, resulted in Eugene Fire and EMS receiving the JEMS Magazine Outstanding EMS System of the Year Award in 1985. While constantly striving to enhance protocols and thereby patient care, Larry was continuously involved in upgrading and innovating equipment for EMS personnel. A few of his many accomplishments are devising and putting into service a completely self-contained ALS airway kit, helping form and outfit the Eugene Water Rescue Team, the Eugene High-Angle Rescue Team, as well as helping acquire and operate the Eugene Fire Mobile Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Simulator, Eugene's Field Training/Evaluation Paramedic Program, the ongoing evolution to electronic charting, and continuing to work with Lane County Sheriff's Department. Larry has never hesitated to help train and advise all who train for or consider an EMS career. What Larry is most known for is his constant upbeat, courteous and empathetic attitude toward everyone he encounters; be it patient, peer, student or member of the general public.

All EMS workers at every stage of the patient care process in all of Lane County have benefited from Larry's influence and attitude, and untold patients owe their lives and well-being to Larry and his care. He is most deserving of this award.





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**Name:** Donald Cooper

**Agency:** American Medical Response of Northwest, Inc.

Don has dedicated his life to EMS. He started as a CPR certified worker over 25 years ago. He has achieved and been awarded many accommodations over the years such as the Breakfast of Champions Award for one of the Reach and Treat team for calls conducted during the Timbered Rock Fire in 2002 and Clinical Excellence Award from the agencies Supervising Physician.

He became a Field Training Officer for the American Medical Response and one of those FTO's that really takes the time to get to know how best to help the new person find their way, their style, and their confidence. He has worked tirelessly to improve his own clinical skills, as well as those of upcoming EMTs and Paramedics. For his attitude and efforts to assist his fellow EMTs he has received the FTO of the Year Award twice so far.

Don's interest in EMS doesn't stop with the working in the agency his works he gives of his knowledge and passion for the field by teaching at Rogue Community College, as well as the students at Grants Pass High School's SERT (Student Emergency Response Team) program.

He has responded not only to emergencies at home but abroad. He served a 30 tour in Baton Rouge during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. His competence and enthusiasm made it an easy decision to give him the position of night Incident Commander for dispatch in his area of response.

Don's love of EMS transmits in many ways. His passion to educate others, the effortless way he gives of himself during emergencies, and the respect and care he exhibits to the community when answering calls make him a favorite son of many. Many in the community have been heard to say, "If ever I were hurt, I want Don Cooper to be there."