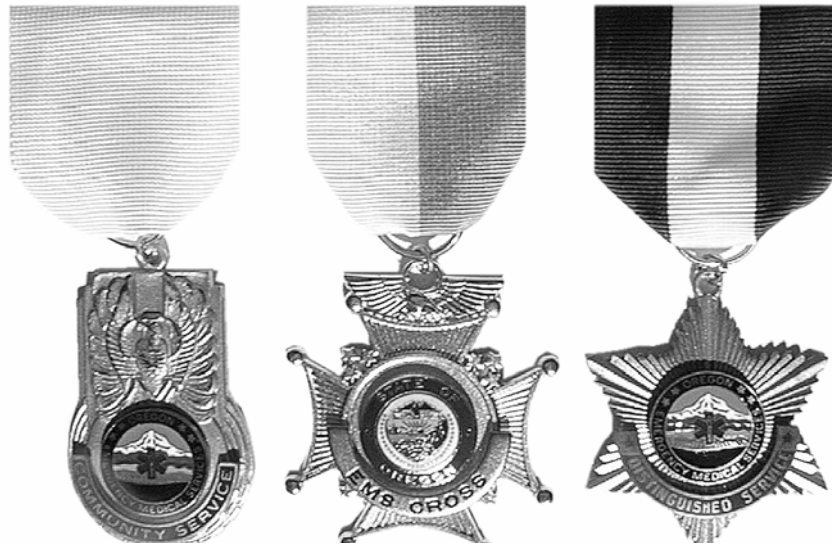




2009 State EMS Awards Banquet



Book of Recognition

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INTRODUCTION

The Oregon EMS Awards Program is intended to recognize excellence, to foster achievement, and to honor those in and around EMS Systems whose acts and deeds stand out from the day-to-day excellence of that system.

The 2008 EMS Awards Program *Book of Recognition* memorializes the recipients of EMS program awards during the award cycle of June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008. Listed in the succeeding pages are brief descriptions of the awards presented and citations upon which they are based.

There are many noteworthy acts performed every day by EMS providers across the State of Oregon. It is not possible to recognize the hundreds of providers responsible for those many good deeds. This book is dedicated not only to those whose names and deeds are included, but to any others who, unknown to this committee, also performed acts and deeds representing the best traditions of our calling and profession.

We would like to thank the following people for their participation on the awards selection committee:

- Peggy Andrews representing the College Consortium
- Tina Greiner representing the Oregon Volunteer Fire Association
- Dave Lapof representing the 2009 EMS Conference Planning Committee
- Jan Lee representing the Oregon State Ambulance Association
- Patty Petersen representing the Oregon Area Health Education Centers
- Scott Shepherd representing the Oregon Fire Medical Administrators Association

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The Medal of Valor recognizes acts of personal valor or heroism in the delivery of emergency medical care, which results in the saving of a life under extreme conditions and in extraordinary circumstances.

Name: Matt Snauer, EMT-P

Agency: Lane Rural Fire/Rescue



On September 12, 2008 I suddenly started to have signs of an heart attack. I turned to my husband and told him to call 911. I then got transported to the hospital with Matt Snauer, who was the paramedic working on me in the back of the ambulance. As we were in the ambulance two minutes away from the hospital, I sat up off the gurney and told Matt something was not right and right then my eyes rolled into the back of my head, my lips turned white and I then hit the gurney. After that all I remember is Matt saying "I lost her radial pulse, get the E.R. on the radio now, I am now going to shock, Start going code 3. When I regained consciousness I opened my eyes and saw Matt smiling down at me saying to me" I am glad your back, now lets get yo out of the back of this ambulance." As I arrived at the hospital there were doctor's and nurse's everywhere and not once did Matt leave

my side and stood there for hours holding my hand as I went into tachycardia arrest 6 more times that night and every time I would open my eyes he was still standing there holding my hand and smiling down at me. I cannot tell you how much that meant to me. When you go through something so terrifying like this you don't know what to expect o happen next. Just knowing that when you wake back up he is going to be there no matter what. Matt Snauer went above and beyond his line of duty.

Thank you for giving Matt Snauer this award and taking the time to to read my letter, it means alot.

Thank you

Nicole Sherman-Evenson

