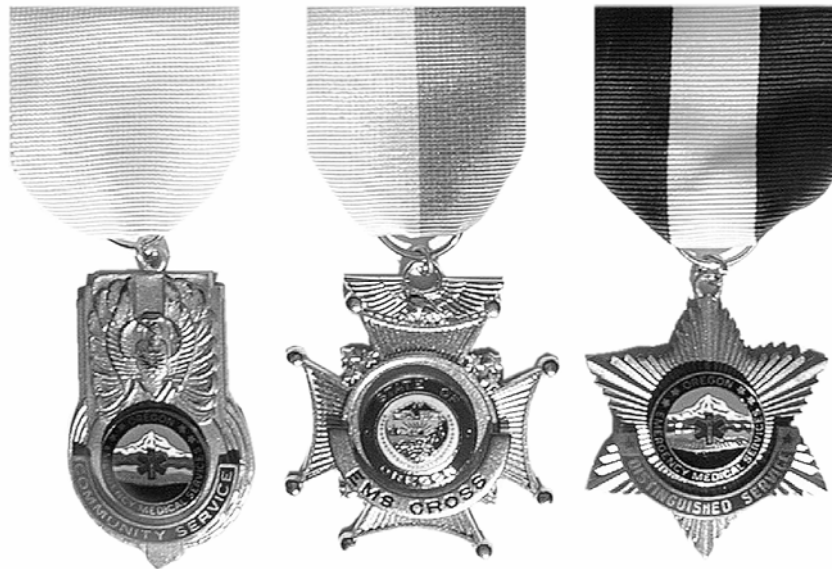




2009 State EMS Awards Banquet



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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CIVILIAN SERVICE MEDAL

The Civilian Service Medal recognizes a civilian who provides extraordinary service during the course of an EMS emergency.

Name: Penny Smith, Seven Feathers Casino



Penelope I. Smith (Penny)

Ms. Penny Smith is a waitperson at Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville, Oregon. Penny has been certified in CPR since 1999.

During the past year, Penny has been involved in three lifesaving efforts while performing her duties as a waitperson at the 24 Hour Restaurant at Seven Feathers.

The first incident occurred on August 16th, 2008. Penny was serving when a female employee collapsed. Penny responded immediately, starting CPR and continuing until Security First Responders arrived with an AED. Penny continued to apply CPR in

between applications of the AED, and in the end, the patient regained her ability to breath and her heartbeat was steady when she was transported. Penny's quick and positive actions helped save the patient's life.

The second save occurred on September 11th, 2008 when a guest choked on some food and stopped breathing. Again, Penny responded and administered the Heimlich maneuver. When that failed, she applied chest compressions assisted by arriving First Responders. The patient's airway was cleared and Penny continued to perform CPR which resulted in the patient breathing on her own. The patient was subsequently transported by ambulance.

The third incident occurred on February 2nd, 2009. Penny was working when she noticed that a Guest had stopped breathing and was indicating that she was choking by holding her throat. Penny again responded by applying the Heimlich maneuver numerous times, which resulted in a large piece of food being expelled. The patient began breathing on her own and left the Restaurant with family members.

Penny has always taken her life-saving skills very seriously, making sure that she has her technique "just right" when she re-certifies. Penny would say she was just in the right place at the right time, but we are all extremely proud of her willingness to step up when it counts.