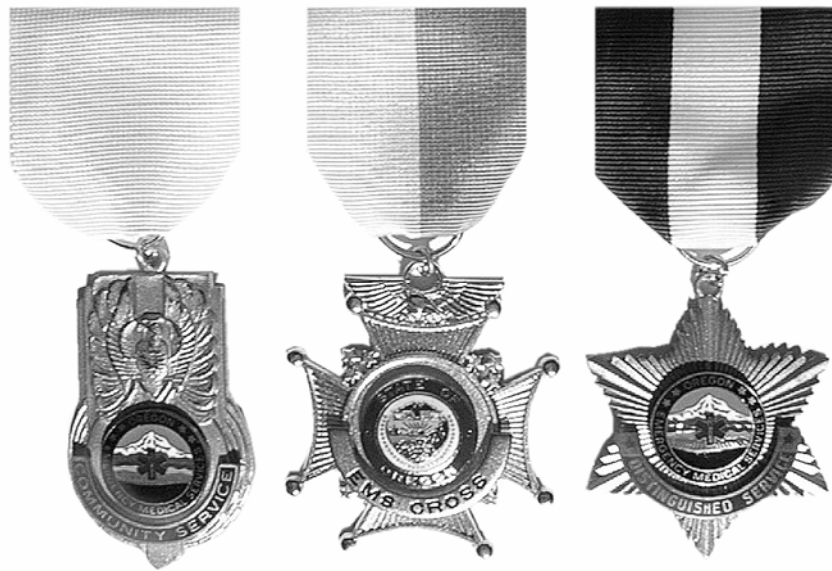




# **2009 State EMS Awards Banquet**



# **Book of Recognition**

Department of Human Services  
Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Systems  
800 NE Oregon Street, Ste. 465  
Portland, OR 97232  
Telephone: (971) 673-0520

**If you would like this information in an alternate  
format, please contact the EMS & Trauma Systems  
office at (971) 673-0520.**

## 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

Bob Leopold  
Director

Ritu Sahni, MD  
Medical Director

Maria Campbell  
Award Coordinator

Oregon EMS & Trauma Systems



## ***The Community Service Medal***

*The Community Service Medal recognizes an EMT who has made outstanding commitment to the non-patient care aspects of a community's EMS system. Special emphasis is on EMS public information, education, and relations, community education, and prevention programs.*

**Name:** Miguel Bautista, Jr., EMT-B

**Agency:** Willamette Valley Fire & Rescue Authority



Volunteer Fire Fighter, Miguel Bautista, Jr. has shown promising potential in the field of fire and emergency medical services. His strong work ethic and compassion for members of the community are just a few of his many assets. As a fire fighter he volunteers approximately 500 hours per year working on the front lines and drilling to keep his skills sharp. A person constantly committed to self improvement, he is also a full time student at PCC in their fire program. While these accomplishments deserve honorable mention, it is what Miguel does outside the fire department that sets him apart from the rest.

A balancing act like the one that Miguel manages requires confidence, determination, and support. He understands that in order to progress in life, one must have the selflessness and wisdom to listen to the experiences of others. Miguel has excellent leadership qualities, which help him build teamwork. Miguel also works full time with PacifiCorp as

a bilingual customer service specialist. He took the initiative to apply for a Pacific Power Global Days of Service grant for his department for \$5,000. The grant provides needed uniforms and equipment to effectively serve his community. The 500 hours that he volunteered with the fire department was the most volunteer time for an applicant in 2008. He is currently in the process of organizing a clothing drive for his fire department and has looked to include other departments as well. Miguel's special skill sets have been recognized by upper management and he is routinely pulled off of the phones to manage the service level of the call center. This position requires high multi-tasking skills to meet the needs of the company as well as those of the employees. When he began 3 years ago he applied to be on the safety committee and was elected.

Superior emergency medical services and the professionalism associated with a fire department are expected. Miguel made it a point to assure that the same standards he upholds as a volunteer were to be met at his job. A prerequisite for the safety team is to have the desire to maintain the health and safety of everyone in the building, to which he is highly committed. Each month, Miguel put out a newsletter to educate others on such topics as signs of Seasonal Affective Disorder, how to recognize and treat spider bites and eating wellness. He looked to members of the call center to come up with topics of interest and offered for them to write their own articles. Monthly inspections of the call center required him to verify that all fire extinguishers and flashlights were fully charged; that all medical kits as well as medicine cabinets were fully stocked and that outdated medicines were disposed of properly. Miguel developed medical information/emergency contact cards for everyone in the center as a fast reference guide. He played a critical role in the planning of the company's health fair for the past 2 years. He networked with health agencies to provide free health screenings as well as a training to discuss what resources are available through the Employment Assistance Agency.

His training as a volunteer has prepared him to respond to medical emergencies. On July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 an employee went into hypoglycemic shock. The woman had lost consciousness by the time Miguel had arrived. He was able to recognize the signs of a diabetic related emergency and closely observed her vital signs until EMS services could take over. Such character traits are difficult to find in a seasoned veteran, not to mention a young man of 24 years of age. Miguel always stands tall in difficult times and finds light in the knowledge that his actions will have a lasting effect on generations to come.

