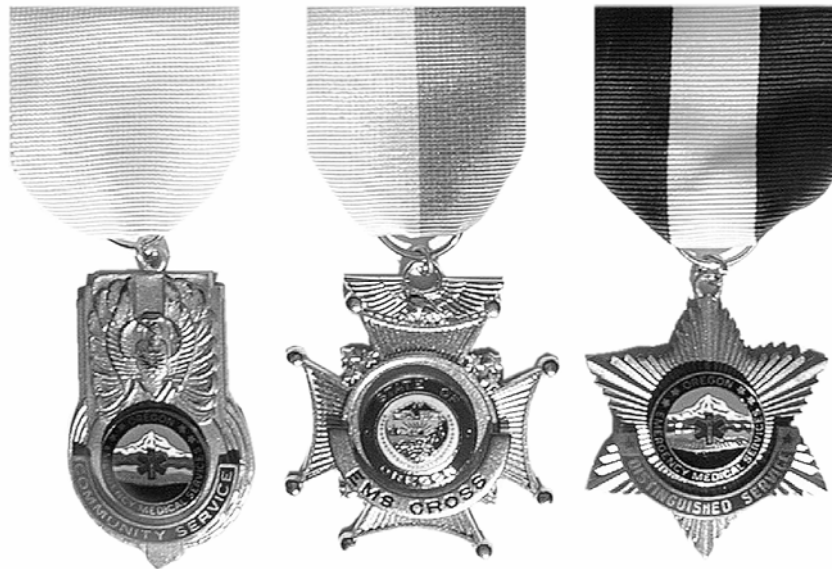




2009 State EMS Awards Banquet



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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Lifesaving Medal

The Lifesaving Medal recognizes an EMT who, while in an off-duty or volunteer capacity, makes an extremely noteworthy contribution to efforts which result in the saving of a life.

Name: John Barr (not pictured); Lynn Barr (not pictured); Ralph Corliss, FR; Gary Hermes, FR; Vickie Hermes, FR; and John Jason, FR

Agency: Looking Glass Rural Fire Department



Ralph Corliss



Gary Hermes



Vickie Hermes



John Jason



Assistant Chief
Keith Williams

On June 7, 2008, four Looking Glass Rural Fire Department members and two civilians saved the life of Mr. Keith Williams. Mr. Williams is also the Assistant Chief of Looking Glass Rural Fire Department. Douglas County Dispatch received

a 911 call of a male not breathing with CPR in progress. LRFD arrived on scene. Chief Gary Hermes reported to dispatch the event was witnessed with CPR initiated by two civilians, John and Lynn Barr. LRFD applied an AED, delivered defibrillation, and continued CPR until the transporting ambulance arrived on scene. LRFD crew consisted of Fire Chief /First Responder Gary Hermes, Firefighter/First Responder Vickie Hermes, Firefighter/First Responder Ralph Corliss, and Firefighter/First Responder John Jason. Winston-Dillard Fire District's ambulance arrived on scene and applied quick patches to find a PEA without respirations. Paramedics took over the airway, monitor, IV, and medications while LRFD continued CPR. Mr. Williams' condition greatly improved. LRFD and WDFD continued treatment to the receiving hospital. Mr. Williams was hospitalized and underwent corrective surgery for heart problems. He is continuing as Looking Glass Assist Chief, living a normal and productive life. Without the actions of the bystanders and Looking Glass Rural Fire Department, Mr. Williams surely would have perished that day. For their life saving actions on June 7, 2008, John and Lynn Barr, Fire Chief /First Responder Gary Hermes, Firefighters/First Responders Vickie Hermes, Ralph Corliss, and John Jason are awarded Oregon's EMS Life Saving Award.

