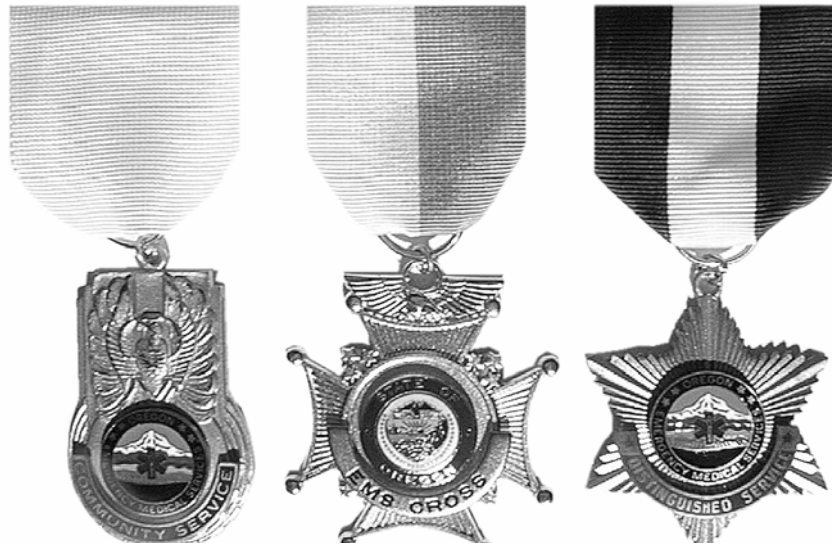




2009 State EMS Awards Banquet



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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Meritorious Service Medal

The Meritorious Service Medal recognizes an individual for a particular act of meritorious service in EMS.

Name: Elizabeth MacNicoll, EMT-P and Levi Parker, EMT-B

Agency: Medix Ambulance



Shortly after 6:30AM on August 4, 2008 a single engine aircraft with 2 passengers on board crashed into a single-family home that was being used as a vacation rental. The house had 6 people inside, 1 adult and 5 children. The adult and 2 children managed to get out of the house after the plane hit it and exploded, but they were severely injured with burns and lacerations over most of their bodies.

Senior Paramedic Elizabeth (Beth) Macnicoll and EMT-Basic Levi Parker was the on duty crew in the Gearhart area that morning. Upon being dispatched to an airplane hitting a house, they went enroute and approached the address from the south side of the incident. Debris from the house, which had exploded from the impact of the airplane, and a fire truck from Gearhart Fire Department blocked their path to their patients. Beth went on foot with her medical gear and oxygen to the patients while Levi took another route to the patients. Beth assumed Medical Command and began triaging the first of three patients. A second ambulance was dispatched to the scene while Beth and Levi, with the assistance of two Gearhart

EMTs, initiated care for the 2 most serious patients and loaded them in her ambulance for transport to Columbia Memorial Hospital. The third patient was being treated at this time by an off duty Medix Paramedic who had arrived on scene. The last patient was loaded and transported to Providence Seaside Hospital.

Multiple members of the victim's families, local bystanders from the neighborhood, and an unknown number of possible patients added a level of involvement most ambulance crews never have to experience. Unfortunately 5 people died as a result of this accident, but 3 were saved due to the training and professionalism exhibited by Beth and Levi in the most trying of times.

