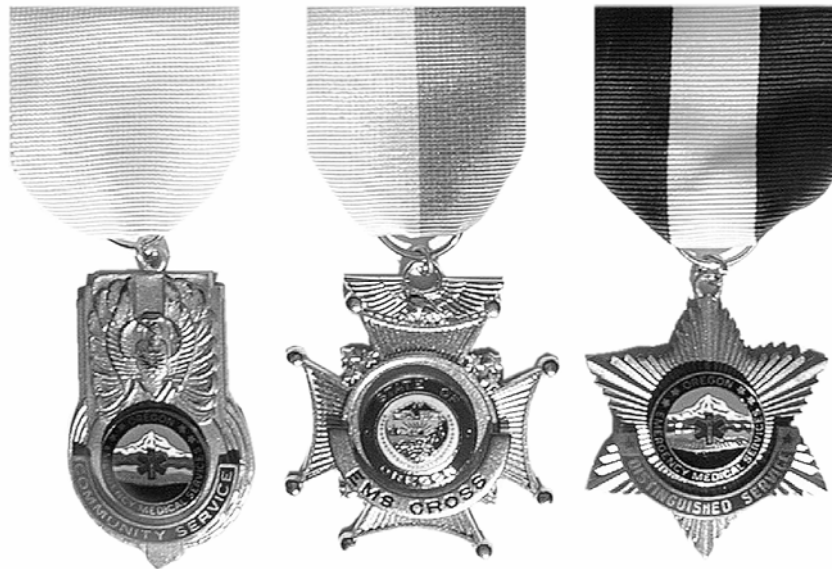




# **2009 State EMS Awards Banquet**



## **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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## Commitment to Quality Medal

*The Commitment to Quality Medal honors an EMS system or individual EMS agency, or sub-unit of an EMS agency, which has demonstrated commitment to the principles of quality improvement, customer service and excellence in EMS.*

**Agency:** Woodburn Ambulance (WA) and Woodburn Fire District (WFD)

**Names:** *Woodburn Ambulance* – Michael Dayton, EMT-P; Mike Hoopes, EMT-P; and Stephanie Nelson, EMT-P; *Woodburn Fire District* – Miranda Carroll, EMT-B; Derek Dmochowsky, EMT-B; Raul Garza, EMT-I; Captain Jay Hannon, EMT-I; Captain Paul Iverson, EMT-I; Joseph Jacobucci, EMT-B; James Oswell; Lieutenant Jeremy Peil, EMT-B; Brian Will, EMT-B; and Todd Woodward, EMT-B.

On December 12, 2008 at 1730 hours a bomb exploded at the West Coast Bank in Woodburn, Oregon. The first arriving units on scene quickly began triage even though the scene was still not secured. They entered the bank under extreme conditions in a scene that looked like a military conflict consumed by the explosion and human carnage; where they found Chief Russell laying on the floor with severe lower extremity injuries and extensive facial trauma. Using a pant belt from one of the law enforcement offices on scene they quickly applied tourniquets to his lower extremities to control the hemorrhaging. He was immediately transported to OHSU where he was admitted to the OR as a Level 1 Trauma entry for treatment of his injuries.

While the crew from Woodburn Medic 23 and the crew from Woodburn Fire Engine 21 were attending to the injuries of Chief Russell and beginning transport, the crews from Medic 21 and Air Truck 23 attended to the injuries of the a bank employee who was located in her car in the parking lot. She was transported to Salem Memorial Hospital for her injuries.

While two officers died that day; Senior Trooper William Hakim of the Oregon State Police and Capt. Tom Tennant of the Woodburn Police Department, Chief Scott Russell’s life was saved by the quick actions of **Paramedic Stephanie Nelson** and **Paramedic Michael Dayton** along with members of Woodburn Fire District **Intern Firefighter Todd Woodward** and **Firefighter / Apparatus Operator Raul Garza** who assisted during the transport to OHSU

In the words of Dr. Jonathan Ilgen the attending physician, he had this to say;  
*“The pre-hospital care that he (Chief Russell) received was absolutely stellar, with RSI to protect his airway (anticipating that the facial trauma he had suffered could possibly compromise his airway en route), and bilateral tourniquets to control the massive hemorrhage from both of his legs. These were all life-saving measures executed to perfection, and done under likely very emotional and difficult circumstances”.*

