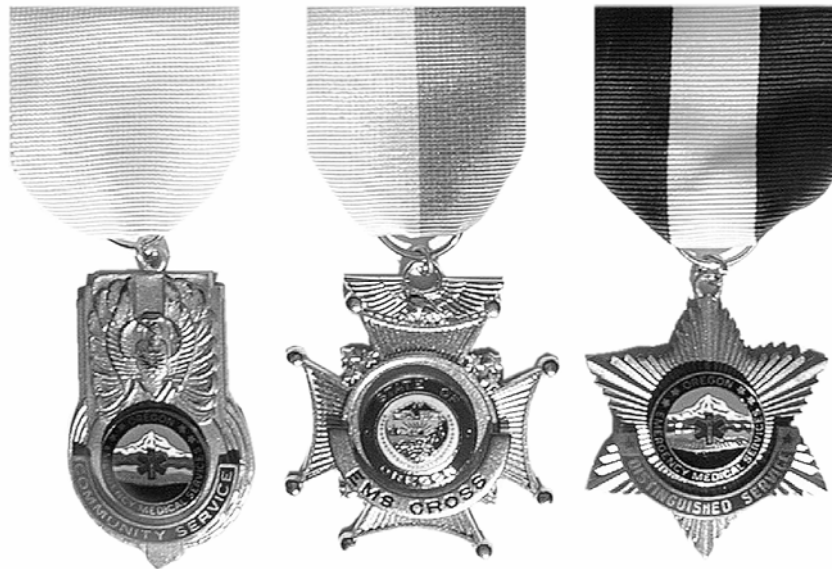




2009 State EMS Awards Banquet



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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EMS Unit Citation

The EMS Unit Citation recognizes acts of organizations, units, or specially constituted teams in providing emergency prehospital care or EMS system support activities under extreme circumstances.

Agency: Benton County Sheriffs Office, City of Corvallis Benton County 911, Corvallis Fire Department, Monroe Rural Fire Protection District, and Reach Air Medical Services

Names: *Benton County Sheriffs Office* – Deputy Randy Heiner; *City of Corvallis Benton County 911* – Lynn McMurphy; Sue Stutheit; and Andrew Thompson; *Corvallis Fire Department* – Will Bauscher, EMT-P; Jason Dennis; Mark Foster; EMT-B; and Joe Van Veldhuizen, EMT-B; *Monroe Rural Fire Protection District* – Eric Eastridge; Captain Tim Eastridge; Brian Ellsworth, FR; Jackie Essner; Scott Lee; Orin Nusbaum, FR; Virgil Oakes; Mark Poorman; Chief Rick Smith, EMT-I; Matt Thompson, EMT-B; Captain Ron Thompson, FR; and Michelle Turner, FR; *Reach Air Medical Services* – Jan Burger; Charlie Jones; and Sam Lillie, EMT-B



On, October 3rd 2008 members of the Monroe Rural Fire Protection District were called to a farming accident involving a female patient. The patient was conscious and talking when the first arriving units made contact. The patient stated that she had really messed up this time and to not let her die. The patient's friend stated that the patient had been working drilling post holes alone and that he had found her attached to the post hole implement spinning around with the implement, she had been there for an unknown amount of time. The friend shut off the tractor, stopping the implement and had other family members call 911. Upon the fire departments arrival they found a 38 year old female, bleeding from amputated right arm at the shoulder, bleeding from 98% amputated left arm at the shoulder, and bleeding from a large laceration left lateral chest, starting at approximately the armpit and continuing for approximately 12 to 14 inches towards the patients abdomen. The implement was disengaged from the power source, and both the tractor and implement stabilized. Patients right arm was entangled to the post hole implement by multiple layers of the patients clothing only the wrist, hand, fingers and other tissues of the arm were exposed. The remaining portion of the right arm attached to the patient was approximately upper shaft of the humerus, this remaining portion of the arm was oozing and bleeding controlled with direct pressure. The patients left arm also entangled to the post hole implement by multiple layers of the patients clothing only the hand, fingers and proximal end of the arm were exposed. The left arm was still attached to the patient by an approximate 3 inch wide piece of skin located on the dorsal aspect of the patient left shoulder, multiple fractures of the humerus and bone pieces noted on the left side. The patient was placed on a backboard to relieve the tension on the remaining attachment of skin on the left arm and to stabilize the patient's spine, manual C-spine was held while patient was removed from the implement. The implement could not be reversed manually because of the attached skin on the left arm, removal from the implement had to be done by cutting the clothing away from the detached limbs and the implement it self. The patient's right arm was disentangled from the implement at approximately 09:00, the arm was placed into a bag and icepacks were placed on the outside of the bag and another bag placed over that bag and turned over to Corvallis Fire 124. At approximately 09:07 the rest of the patient was disentangled from the implement and full c-spine precautions taken. At this time the patient was turned over to Reach 8 and CFD 124. The patient and extremities were transported to landing zone by 124 and then transported to Emanuel Hospital in Portland by Reach 8.

This complex and multifaceted extrication required almost an hour of intense yet

extremely delicate work. Each individual played an integral part in ultimately saving her life. The recipients of the Unit Citation are from Monroe Fire: Chief Rick Smith, Matt Thompson, Brian Ellsworth, Captain Ron Thompson, Michelle Turner, Orin Nusbaum, Captain Tim Eastridge, Mark Poorman, Virgil Oakes, Eric Eastridge, Jackie Essner and Scott Lee.

Also responding to this incident and receiving the Unit Citation are members of Corvallis Fire 124, Reach 8 Air Ambulance, Benton County 911 Dispatch, and the Benton County Sheriff's Office. Without the tireless efforts of each and every member at this incident, the outcome of this call could have been distinctly different.

